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**“What the Church Should Be (Part 1)”**

**I Thessalonians 1:2**

**INTRODUCTION**

* KEY POINT:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Silvanus and Timothy

**EXPOSITION**

* **What Did Paul Think of the Thessalonian Church? (vs. 2)**
* **Paul’s Thanksgiving**
1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the relationship between author and readers
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the readers to live up to what they are being thanked for
* I Thessalonians 2:5; I Corinthians 1:4; Romans 1:8
* **Examples of Paul’s Gratitude**
* I Thessalonians 2:13; I Thessalonians 3:9
* **How to Cultivate Gratitude**
1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**CONCLUSION**

**TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER**

1. Go back through the list of things that Paul was thankful for. Can you make a duplicate list for yourself?
2. If there are any from that list you desire to work on, begin memorizing the corresponding Scriptures.
3. Book Recommendation: *How We Must In All Things Give Thanks* by William Cooper