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## TODAY'S MESSAGE:

### **"Building Gratitude Into 2025"**

*"Just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to live in obedience to him. Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him."* (Colossians 2:6-7 NLT)

*"May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. And may you have the power to understand... how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. THEN you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God."* (Ephesians 3:17-19 NLT)

*"They don't have deep roots, so they don't last very long. As soon as life gets hard or the message gets them in trouble, they give up."* (Matthew 13:21 CEV)

*"BLESSED are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they go right on producing delicious fruit."* (Jeremiah 17:7-8 NLT)

*"The surviving remnant of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward."* (2 Kings 19:30 NASB)

*"Sink your roots in him and build on him. Be strengthened by the faith that you were taught, and overflow with thanksgiving."* (Colossians 2:7 GW)

- **The first characteristic of an extraordinary life:** \_\_\_\_\_

*"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* (1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV)

- **Why is gratitude always God's will?**

1. Because it \_\_\_\_\_ God. *"Giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honors me."* (Psalm 50:23)
2. Because it creates \_\_\_\_\_. *"Encourage one another and build each other up."* (1 Thess. 5:11)
3. Because it develops my \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Because it serves \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Because it's a witness to \_\_\_\_\_. *"Do everything without complaining or arguing..."* (Phil. 2:14)

- **The benefits of extraordinary gratitude:**

1. It keeps me in \_\_\_\_\_ will.
  2. It makes me \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. It defeats the \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. It causes \_\_\_\_\_.
- "When you pray, believe that you have received it and you shall have it."* (Mark 11:24)