

**VISION: Being Authentic People with Authentic Relationships Challenging Each Other To Start Or Grow A Relationship With Christ And Sharing His Love By Meeting The Needs Of The Community**

**Psalms 46:10**

**10 "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"**

## **How do we Give Thanks!**

Thanksgiving? Veterans Day?

Is it thru Worship on Sunday?

Is it By praying on our own?

Is it the way you live?

Is it the way you think?

Is it the way we treat others?

## **How do we Give Thanks?**

## grat·i·tude

1. the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

**Php 4:8** Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Live out Gratitude by controlling our thinking

Whatever is **TRUE**:

**Things as they are, not as they might be or could be**

*(Story of Guy needing to borrow a car jack!) Keep your stupid jack.*

## **What is Truth?**

**John 17:17** Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth

**What does the word say?**

*We are all sinners headed to eternal damnation, but are saved by the blood of Jesus.*

*We have eternal Life thru Christ.*

*We are more than over comers.*

*No Weapon formed against us shall prosper.*

*Nothing can separate us from the love of God.*

Whatever is **HONORABLE:**

*that means worthy of respect*

Whatever is **JUST:**

*Upright, righteous*

Whatever is **PURE:**

*Holy, free from anytime of sin*

Whatever is **LOVELY:**

*pleasing, attractive*

Whatever is **COMMENDABLE:**

*Praise Worthy*

Any **EXCELLENCE?**

*moral excellence and virtue.*

Anything worthy of **PRAISE:**

Think on These

**Php 4:9**

**What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.**

**If we do these things-God will bring you peace.**

Our negative thinking gives us a cause to hate a cause to be anger. Your negative thinking builds a case for you not be think on truth, honor, purity, love, excellence.

How we think effects how we live —how we think effects how we treat others.

## **Negative Thinking Says-**

Says I am better than you

I deserved what God has done in my life

I have it figured out and you don't

Negative thinking puts focus on ourselves and our situation

Positive thinking takes the focus off of us and out of our control.