

11-21-20 MESSAGE

HOW PEOPLE TAKE THE THANKS OUT OF THANKSGIVING

This is thanksgiving week. I think Thanksgiving is my favorite Holiday. I often have said how do you corrupt Thanksgiving? Leave it to the world to work on it. This year there seems to be a movement to just cancel Thanksgiving. When you look at the circumstances that initiated the first thanksgiving you just have to shake your head in amazement.

We traditionally look to the pilgrims as the founders of our national day of Thanksgiving. What a inspirational story we have in the pilgrims. They were also called separatists. These were a group of people who were persecuted for their beliefs and desired to come to the "New World" in order to seek out religious freedom and wanted a place where they could live and raise their families to love God and live a holy life. There were only about 1000 of this sect in all of England.

They fled to Holland where there was religious liberty, but because of financial hardships they were losing their young people to the world. That is when they decided that coming to the "New World" or America was their only viable option.

We know we are in the end times, because there are no new worlds where we can escape the corruption of this world.

Abraham escaped Ur of the Chaldees.

The Israelites, escaped Egypt.

The Pilgrims came to America.

There is nowhere left.

We are indeed in the days of Noah. When Noah could not escape the corruption of this world, God brought His judgment and Noah escaped on the Ark.

The motivation of the Mayflower journey was one of religious freedom. A small group of separatists or pilgrims made that journey to establish a foothold in this new land.

As we study the history of this adventure, it is riddled with evidence of God's hand of providence on that little group of people. As we read the history of that endeavor we find, the typical workings behind the scenes of Satan's children trying to thwart God's people.

First there was the persecution against the separatists themselves.

The separatists were composed of two groups of people,

Those who thought to reform the church of England from within, these were the puritans.

And there were those who wanted to be independent of the church of England, believing there was no redemption of that corrupt group.

These were the separatists or what we now know as the Pilgrims.

Both of these groups are founders of the congregationalist movements which our church is a part of. From them came the congregational churches and the Baptist churches, of which we are a part.

The West Clifford church was originally a congregational church, and the Elkdale church was a Baptist church. In the early 70's with the help of Pastor Cramer and the Schmitt family, the Elkdale Baptist Church of West Clifford was founded. We trace our spiritual lineage back to the Pilgrims and Puritans of New England!

It is interesting to see how throughout the History of the Pilgrims coming to America you see Satan's children working to thwart this endeavor.

When persecution became severe in England, the Scrooby congregation fled to Holland, where there was freedom of worship. In 1609, about three hundred of these Pilgrims arrived in the Dutch city of Leyden; here they enjoyed religious freedom and a successful life. Over the course of eleven years their number increased to over a thousand. However, because of the growing exposure of the worldliness of their Dutch neighbors upon their children, they realized they could not stay in Holland. Added to this was the growing concern that their children could not receive a proper education in Holland. They began to sense a calling to the New World where they believed they could raise their children free from foreign influences. They also had great hope and inward zeal of laying some good foundation for the propagating and advancing of the Gospel of the Kingdom of Christ in those remote parts of the world.

In order to make arrangements for getting to the New World, the Pilgrims enlisted the aid of an English Puritan nobleman Sir Edwin Sandys. With his help, in 1620, they secured a patent from the London Company to settle within its territory in Virginia. Because the Pilgrims could not afford to finance the project, they entered into an agreement with a group of businessmen who came to be called the Adventurers. As a result, a company of shareholders was formed. The Adventurers would finance the expedition to America and would share in the profits of the Pilgrims for the first seven years. To help ensure the success of the project, the Adventurers secured additional settlers in England, of whom most were not Separatists.

In Holland the Pilgrims secured the ship Speedwell. Because only a small portion of the congregation in Leyden could be carried on the Speedwell, for the time being, others would have to remain behind. Those remaining would join the first Pilgrims in America as soon as possible. John Robinson, being a faithful pastor, chose to remain behind with the majority of his congregation. His farewell to the departing Pilgrims challenged

them to remain faithful to the truth of the Word of God and to seek diligently to separate truth from error. The Speedwell sailed to England. There the other recruits gathered by the Adventurers were waiting on another ship, the Mayflower. As both ships made two false starts for North America, each time the Speedwell sprang leaks and had to return to port. Finally, it was abandoned forcing as many as possible to crowd onto the Mayflower. The rest were forced to stay behind for a future passage. On September 6, 1620, the Mayflower set sail from Plymouth for the New World; in addition to officers and crew, a hundred and two souls were on board.

Here is an account of the problems the pilgrims had on that first journey:

The Speedwell was purchased by the Leiden Separatists in Holland, where it was boarded and set to sail to Southampton, England to meet with the Mayflower.

On 5 August, 1620, the two ships set sail, but the Speedwell was forced to return to harbor in Dartmouth due to a leak. After repairs, the two ships set sail again. After traveling only 100 leagues beyond Land's End in Cornwall, the Speedwell again claimed to have sprung a leak. Exactly what happened to the Speedwell is not known.

It was later discovered that, in an attempt to escape their year-long contract, the crew of the Speedwell sabotaged the ship. Eleven passengers of the Speedwell boarded the Mayflower while the remaining 20 returned to London. Finally, without the Speedwell, the Mayflower and her 103 passengers left for The New World alone.

Throughout history you have the children of Satan fighting against the children of God. And so it is, the deceit and the sabotage continues. Yet in all this drama and conflict, God always in the end turns things for the good for those who love God.

This was not the only attacks of their endeavor to come to the New World. The Mayflower went off course and some speculate it was because of strong winds, which the pilgrims were told, and others believe it was on purpose because of more bribery and conspiracies. However, it was all in the providence of God, because it was as if God had prepared a place for them at the new Plymouth!

They settled way north of where they intended to land, with winter rapidly setting in, the Pilgrims decided it was too late to try to reach Virginia; they would have to stay. On November 11, 1620, they maneuvered the ship into Cape Cod harbor. Bradford later wrote,

Being thus arrived in a good harbor and brought safe to land, they fell upon their knees and blessed the God of Heaven who had brought them over the vast and furious ocean.

Where they landed there was a clearing and it was later discovered that all the hostile Indians of that location had mysteriously died off of a plague that hit that area a few years back and all the other indians were fearful of living there.

There were so many times in the story of the Pilgrims settlement where God's providential hand of protection was clearly seen. There is no doubt that God blessed their endeavor even though so many people and circumstances were against them.

When they landed at Plymouth that first winter claimed the lives of about half the colonists. Of the 102 settlers only 55 survived that first winter.

Imagine a year where you had 45 funerals. Almost half of the settlers died that first year the pilgrims settled in America. Yet after the first harvest they set aside a day to thank God.

What is interesting is that William Bradford was reading his Bible when he decided to establish the first thanksgiving in the New World. He was reading from Deuteronomy,

Deuteronomy 16:10 And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the LORD thy God, according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:

Deuteronomy 16:11 And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there.

So with the Biblical mandate of celebrating the feast of tabernacles the first Thanksgiving was celebrated in this country.

Now what a stark contrast we have these 400 years later. Our leaders are telling people to not celebrate thanksgiving this year because of the threat of people dying from covid.

Now look at the pilgrims who settled this country.

There were 102 settlers, and 45 of them died that first year.

If you divide 45 into 102 that means 44% of them died of sickness that year. You would think they would have said, we better not eat together and meet together too many of us got sick and died this past year. We need to cancel thanksgiving and church services.

Now in contrast to that there are 328 million people in USA today and 250,000 people died of covid this past year if you divide 250,000 into 328 million you get .0007 percent. And because of .0007% deaths our governors are telling us to cancel our thanksgiving celebrations.

Now each year 48,000 people die of car accidents each year in the USA.

Divide 48,000 into 328 Million and you get .0002 percent.

Now your chances of dying of covid is .0007 .05 is 1/2 percent, what then is .0007% is about half of a half of a half percent.

Your chances this year of dying in a car accident is .0002% yet how many of us would cancel our Thanksgiving for because of the chances of dying from car accidents.

But you say preacher, there are a lot of people getting covid. Yes it is the flu season each year Prevention (CDC) annually estimates the impact of the flu on the U.S. population, and preliminarily for the 2019-2020 flu season they've estimated there were 38 million cases, 18 million sought care from their healthcare provider, 400,000 were hospitalized, and 22,000 died with influenza.

Now it is estimated that on an average each year 2,813,503 people will die.

Of that 2,813,503 people,

647,457 die each year of heart attacks each year.

Percentage of total deaths: 23.5% Are we going to cancel thanksgiving because of heart attacks?

599,108 Die of cancer each year.

Percentage of total deaths: 21.3% Are we going to cancel thanksgiving because of people dying from cancer?

169,936 - There will be about this many unintentional deaths dying in car accidents, falls, other unintentional causes.

Percentage of total deaths: 6% Are we going to cancel thanksgiving because we may have an accident at our Thanksgiving get together?

So far there are 250,000 covid deaths in USA of the 2,813,503 estimated deaths that accounts for about 8% of the estimated. This is about the same as those who will die of accidental deaths.

Now put this is perspective of the first Thanksgiving. 44% of their population died that first year and William Bradford said let's get together and thank God!

**DON'T LET END TIME PEOPLE TAKE THE THANKS
OUT OF YOUR THANKSGIVING THIS YEAR.**

Now people can and are trying to exclude God.

WHAT WILL TAKE THE THANKS OUT OF THANKSGIVING?

I believe it will be the spirit of the end times people. This spirit is more contagious than Covid 19.

TEXT:

II Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

II Timothy 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

II Timothy 3:3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

II Timothy 3:4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

II Timothy 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

KNOW THIS THAT IN THE LAST DAYS PERILOUS TIMES WILL COME!

II Thessalonians 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

II Thessalonians 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

WE CERTAINLY COULD BE SHAKEN AND FEAR. TODAY MOST PEOPLE ARE BEING SHAKEN BY FEAR OF COVID AS WELL AS OTHER THINGS.

There is no doubt we are in the end times. Consider these verses that show that clearly:

II Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

II Thessalonians 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

THE TEMPLE WILL BE REBUILT AND THE FIRST STEP IS THAT ISRAEL HAS CONTROL OF JERUSALEM.

II Thessalonians 2:5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

II Thessalonians 2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

II Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

II Thessalonians 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

II Thessalonians 2:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

II Thessalonians 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

STRONG DELUSION WILL BE SENT.
THAT DELUSION IS BEING SET UP NOW.

II Thessalonians 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

II Thessalonians 2:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

II Thessalonians 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

II Thessalonians 2:14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

II Thessalonians 2:15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

II Thessalonians 2:16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

II Thessalonians 2:17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

We are in the last days and we are in the midst of perilous times.

God gave Daniel the timetable of the end times.

Daniel 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Daniel 9:25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Daniel 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Daniel 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

490 years of history will culminate all of the prophecies.

$69 * 7 = 483$ till the cross

That leaves one week of history to fulfill prophecy.

As we get closer to this final week of years we will see an increase of prophetic climate.

Matthew 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Matthew 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

Matthew 24:8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

THERE WILL BE NO PEACE.

Famines. Pestilence. Earthquakes. Jesus gave this prediction:

Matthew 24:37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matthew 24:38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

Matthew 24:39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Luke 17:26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

Luke 17:27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

Luke 17:28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

Luke 17:29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

Luke 17:30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

Noah's Day was a day of great violence, hatred, strife etc.

Genesis 6:5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

SO IT IS THAT THE IMAGINATIONS OF MEN ARE ONLY EVIL CONTINUALLY!!

And it says as it were in the days of Lot.

So the prevailing sin in Lots day was homosexuality.
Sad when we think that homosexuals are in need of liberation.

What exactly do they need to be liberated from ?

It is not liberation they want. It is preference that they want.

This is not an issue of whether they are allowed to do what they want to do and live the way they want to live. That has been going on all the while.

It is a matter of whether I have the right to say and believe that their lifestyle is morally wrong according to the Bible. This now is called a hate crime.

Everyone is free except those who say this is right and this is wrong.

We are seeing the Spiritual Climate of the end times all around us.

II Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

Now the characteristics of the people of the end times makes for a people who will try to steal away your Thanksgiving spirit.

II Timothy 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, **unthankful**, unholy,

WE ARE IN THESE PERILOUS DAYS!!!

NOW PAUL GOES ON TO DESCRIBE THE PEOPLE OF THESE PERILOUS DAYS!

The spirit and sins of the end times people will try and take your thanks out of this year's Thanksgiving. Don't let it happen.

What are the characteristics of that end time spirit? Consider:

1. WHEN MEN ARE LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES. THIS WILL CANCEL OUT YOUR THANKS THIS THANKSGIVING

HOW WILL BEING A LOVER OF YOURSELF ROB YOU OF YOUR ABILITY TO GIVE THANKS?

When you love yourself more than others and God you cannot be thankful.

When you are thankful you by nature want to give and sacrifice for others.

When you love yourself you want to get.

Thanksgiving is a time of sharing with others. SHARING A MEAL is symbol of that.

When we studied the Thanksgiving offering in Leviticus we observed that the Lord purposely commanded that everything needed to be eaten the same day.

Leviticus 7:15 And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day that it is offered; he shall not leave any of it until the morning.

The other offerings could be eaten the same day and the next. The thanksgiving offering was different.

This was to encourage the people to invite people to eat with them.

Why did the pilgrims invite the indians to that first thanksgiving? It was because when you are thankful you will want to share with others. When you are a lover of yourself all you care about is yourself. The Pilgrims were willing to share their food with strangers.

The reason people are going along with these mandates to isolate themselves from family and friends and others is because we live in a day when people are lovers of themselves and all they care about is their own welfare.

Notice the word thanksgiving is a compound word.

Thanks and giving.

When you are thankful you give. When you give you share, you share what you have, you share a meal.

Each year we would gather at our Mom's for thanksgiving.

Her House was a Hub. That will cease now that she is gone because my mom loved others more than herself. The new generation love themselves more than others.

Her house was always open you felt welcome she was always there to share her food, she shared her house, she gave of her hospitality.

Those who love themselves are selfish, self centered and want to be served rather than serve. Selfish people do not give. Selfish people are only worried about themselves.

Those who are lovers of their own selves want to get rather than give.

Those who are lovers of their own selves want to be praised rather than give thanks to God.

When you are thankful you give, you serve, you share, you love.
When you love yourself you want to get rather than give.
You want to be appreciated rather than appreciate others.

At Thanksgiving dinner you wanted to go and if you didn't come she never was upset at you. Some people would say "Well I cooked all this food and you didn't show up.." They would be upset! My mom didn't get upset because there would be 20 - 30 people at the meal. It was your loss if you didn't show up. You wanted to be there.

This new generation is not like the old. Thanksgiving dinners are not the same. They are trying to carry on the tradition, but the food is not the same, there is not as much food, often they run out of food. There will not be many more gatherings at mom's house because the new generation are lovers of their own selves.

This is why people are going along with all these mandates that the government is throwing at us today. Most people could care less anyway.

What about dinners for the homeless?

Notice there are no food giveaways, no meals at shelters, no acts of charity, this all has to stop because of Covid!

2. WHEN MEN ARE COVETOUS, THIS WILL CANCEL OUT YOUR THANKS THIS THANKSGIVING. HOW DOES COVETOUSNESS STEAL AWAY OUR THANKSGIVING?

One thing about covetousness is that those who are covetous are never satisfied, they always want more and since they never have enough they are never thankful for what they have.

CAN YOU THANK GOD FOR WHAT YOU HAVE?
WHEN YOU ARE THANKFUL YOU WILL WANT TO LET GOD AND OTHERS KNOW YOU ARE.

One way you do this is through giving to others, not taking.

Thanks - Giving is just that, a time when you are thankful for what you have, and wanting to give to God and others as an expression of that thanks. When you are looking to get, you can't think about giving, because you are looking at what you don't have rather than what you have.

3. PEOPLE WHO ARE BOASTERS & PROUD WILL CANCEL OUT YOUR THANKSGIVING.

II Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

II Timothy 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

Proverbs 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

Who wants to eat thanksgiving with the proud.
Who wants to sit and eat with Mr. & Mrs. Boaster.
Mr. & Mrs. Boaster will put you in their roaster.
Mr. and Mrs. Boaster will put you in their toaster.

There was a great victory in Israel and God used Gideon to bring that victory.

When Gideon called for volunteers 32,000 people showed up.
God narrowed it down to 300 men.

Judges 7:2 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.

Judges 7:3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

Judges 7:4 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.

Judges 7:5 So he brought down the people unto the water: and the LORD said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink.

Judges 7:6 And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

Judges 7:7 And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place.

GOD BROUGHT THE VICTORY WITH 300 Men.

Judges 8:1 And the men of Ephraim said unto him, Why hast thou served us thus, that thou calledst us not, when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites? And they did chide with him sharply.

Judges 8:2 And he said unto them, What have I done now in comparison of you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abi-ezer?

Judges 8:3 God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in comparison of you? Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that.

NOTICE HOW INSTEAD OF BEING THANKFUL FOR WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR THEM, THE MEN OF EPHRAIM CONTENDED WITH GIDEON. THIS WAS THE VERY REASON THAT GOD DID NOT USE THEM TO WIN THE BATTLE AGAINST THE MIDIANITES.

God resists the proud, God can't use you when you are filled with pride.

Just whose house would you rather eat at on Thanksgiving:

Gideon's or Ephraim's?

4. *BLASPHEMY WILL DESTROY YOUR ABILITY TO THANK GOD.*

Those who use abusive language and speech are not ones that are likely to thank and praise God.

James 3:10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

Those who use filthy and abusive language are not ones who praise God and give thanks to God. The two don't go together.

Romans 3:12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Romans 3:13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:

Romans 3:14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:

Romans 3:15 Their feet are swift to shed blood:

Romans 3:16 Destruction and misery are in their ways:

Romans 3:17 And the way of peace have they not known:

Romans 3:18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

Such people you would not want to eat a thanksgiving meal with.

5. *CHILDREN WHO ARE DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS WILL NOT WANT TO THANK GOD.*

Many a rebel child will not eat a Thanksgiving Meal with Mom and Dad.

Thanksgiving is a family time, Mom Dad, Grand-mom, Grandad children etc.

They used to call my Mom MAMA ROSE because everyone wanted to be with her on the Holiday. Cousins would come, neighbors would come.

We do not have our church Thanksgiving dinner that same day as Thanksgiving. The reason for that is that we would expect you to want to be with your Mom's and Dad's this Thanksgiving.

A CHARACTERISTIC OF THE THANKFUL IS THEY ARE THANKFUL FOR THEIR PARENTS.

BE THANKFUL FOR THEM WHILE YOU HAVE THEM. THERE WILL BE A DAY WHEN YOU WILL NOT HAVE THEM.

Thanksgiving is a time when parents and children should be together, but this year the government is suggesting that you should not do that, especially if you have a lot of children and grandchildren.

Dr. Levine earlier this week made an appeal to Pennsylvanians, as they plan for this year's holiday season, to think seriously about hosting or attending any events with people who you don't already live with.

**6. UNTHANKFULNESS AND UNHOLINESS GO TOGETHER.
We have an increase in people who despise Holiness and Godliness.**

The day I got saved at the church I went to, they showed a film portraying life as a spiritual battle. The one scene that hit home was a scene where they portrayed a family thanking God around a Thanksgiving dinner as part of the Kingdom of God.

When the Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving they wanted everyone to join them. They even invited the indians to come, who could have been considered their enemies if they were proud and contentious.

7. PEOPLE WHO DO NOT HAVE NATURAL AFFECTION WILL NOT WANT TO CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING THIS YEAR.

Family & Thanksgiving go hand in hand. Those who do not have a natural love for kindred will lack ability "TO THANK GOD.."

Today families are being splintered and destroyed.

I have known people who have gotten divorced to celebrate the day of the divorce. THAT IS NOT NATURAL.

II Timothy 3:3 Without natural affection,

8. TRUCE BREAKERS.

The word means without a sacrifice.

In the Old Testament, when a man made a covenant he would offer a sacrifice symbolizing the seriousness of the covenant.

People today will not bend over backwards to keep their word. On the least little thing they will default on their agreements.

A few years back the government pressured banks to give loans to minorities based on the color of their skin and the banks were afraid of lawsuits and gave loans out to people with bad credit. Today everyone is paying for that. Now the government is cracking down on banks and it is hard to get a loan. The government created the problem, and now they are creating a greater problem.

This is why the banks are failing and this is why it is so hard today to get a loan.

In fact it is documented fact that people like Barack Obama, when in congress, initiated many class action suits against banks charging them of prejudice and forcing them to give loans to people who should never have received them. Now the banks are operating in prejudice in reverse. People who need loans cannot get them because loans today are strictly given on government mandates and rules. So people who could afford loans are rejected!

We are seeing prejudice in reverse with homosexuality issues. Homosexuals have made public scenes at churches across our country and police have done nothing about it. But if straight people would do the same at a homosexual gathering it would be labeled a hate crime. If a person that does not believe in abortion would demonstrate before an abortion clinic and do the same things that these homosexuals did they would have been hauled into jail.

Our nation has short circuited

Isaiah 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

I predicted many years ago that this same crowd would do away with Thanksgiving if they could. Thanksgiving is too close to being a Christian holiday. It is an offence to Satan's crowd to have a day of thanking God for anything.

9. FALSE ACCUSERS.

How many people have accused people falsely just to destroy them?

After the damage is done who is going to go back and rebuild a persons reputation? Our media, government and politicians are doing this all the time.

Do you know there are laws on the books that give the government arbitrary power to accuse you and wrap your life up in legal battles that will drain and destroy you with no recourse on your part?

THE ONLY THING THAT CAN RESTRAIN POLITICIANS FROM EXERCISING THIS POWER IS THE FEAR OF GOD AND THEY HAVE NO FEAR OF GOD.

WHEN OUR NATION VOTES IN PEOPLE THAT HAVE NO FEAR OF GOD WE ARE GIVING WICKED MEN A BLANK CHECK TO DO AS THEY WISH!

So today we suspect that a whole election has been stolen by the same party that is for everything that is anti God and Bible. Why does this surprise us!

10. Incontinent.

WITHOUT SELF CONTROL.

Hardest thing to control is your mouth. If you cannot control your mouth you cannot control anything else in your life.

Some people think they have to speak their mind.
Can you imagine how that would destroy a Thanksgiving meal?

How many families do not eat Thanksgiving meals together because of family members that insist on speaking their minds and destroying the spirit of the occasion? Will anyone feel like thanking God after that?!

11. Fierce, SAVAGE. Opposite of Gentle.

What is the fruit of the spirit, Gal 5:22
Love Joy Peace Longsuffering Gentleness Goodness Faith.

12. Despisers of those that are good.

People have a disdain for good people.

II Timothy 3:3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

13. Traitors, Turncoats.

No sense of loyalty.

Years ago, I learned the business I am in, through a company I worked for, National Music Centers. I always was careful not to sell new pianos because I thought it a conflict of interest with National Music. I mostly did service and restorations. In 2006 I

started my public business through the support of my old boss. He even picked out the name of my company.

My old Boss supported and helped me.

David, never turned on Saul! Loyalty is a characteristic of godliness.

Judas was a traitor.

Satan was a traitor.

Don't you become a traitor!

14. Heady means rash, stubborn, self willed.

A person that is heady will hold a grudge.

They never forget a hurt.

Reason families don't stay together is because Dad brings up things that happened 20 years ago and opens old wounds at the dinner table. Brothers bring up gripes against brothers, sisters, with sisters.

Stubborn old man.

So it is in the church. People will not forget and forgive.

15. highminded, Puffed up conceited. lift up oneself.

When we thank God, we need to be lowly minded.

High minded people find it hard to give thanks.

Thanksgiving and humility go hand in hand.

16. lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

Here is how a godly person lives:

Hebrews 11:25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

The end time people love pleasure more than God.

The end time mindset will be that they are not willing to sacrifice for anyone.

I would not want to celebrate thanksgiving in a Bar room or Nightclub.

II Timothy 3:5

II Timothy 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

17. *Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof:*

What is that form of godliness? These are people that go to church, but it is just formal, nothing of substance.

There are people who talk the religious jargon.

There is a form of godliness today.

BOTTOM LINE.

18. *From such turn away.*

What can we do?

When a person shows themselves to be of this end time spirit there is not much you can do.

You preach teach warn, and if they reject the knowledge of God
TURN AWAY FROM THEM. GOD WILL DEAL WITH THEM!

Revelation 9:20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

Revelation 9:21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

These end time people will not find it easy to be thankful.

WE NEED TO TURN AWAY FROM THEM AND NOT LET THEIR SPIRIT TAKE THE THANKS OUT OF OUR THANKSGIVING.

I Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

A GREAT SERVANT OF THE LORD WHO WAS THE TOTAL OPPOSITE OF THESE END TIMES PEOPLE.

One person wrote:

Happy moments, PRAISE GOD.

Difficult moments, SEEK GOD.

Quiet moments, WORSHIP GOD.
Painful moments, TRUST GOD.
Every moment, THANK GOD.

THANKSGIVING - MATTHEW HENRY'S PRAYER OF THANKS AFTER HE WAS ROBBED.

Four Reasons he could thank God.

I Thank thee first because I was never robbed before: second because although they took my purse they did not take my life, third, although they took my all, it was not much: and fourth because, it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed.

1TH 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.