

I don't believe it is possible to over-do the attitude of gratitude. Being thankful needs to be part of our everyday walk with Christ. It is my prayer that you have a very special day on Nov. 25th with your family and friends. May it be a time to pause and remember "from whom all blessings flow."

Listed below are things that creep into our life and rob us of a grateful heart. Some Thanksgiving robbers are:

1. **Selfishness.** I can't think of anything more damaging to a thankful heart than the sin of selfishness. Instead of allowing our emotions to pour forth unto God, the selfish person makes themselves the center of their life, and robs themselves of the blessings that come from being thankful.
2. **Greed.** To covet, or have avarice is the opposite of gratitude. Instead of being thankful for what one has, greed says just the opposite; "I want more than what I have." Being greedy is to have that never ceasing attitude of wanting a little bit more, no matter what you have.
3. **Bitterness.** One way to define bitterness is to see it as the condition of one who is festering anger. It brings to my mind the idea of someone who is continually smoldering with anger toward someone or something. It would be next to impossible to be thankful when bitterness rules your life.
4. **Materialism.** To put one's trust in their things rather than God, is not being thankful to the heavenly Father. Materialism is an attitude not an amount. No matter how much or little you think you have, you can be materialistic instead of thankful.

Stop these robbers, and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

See you Sunday!

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