

# A Thanksgiving Heart

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Text – Psalm 100

**Introduction:** The first portion of Scripture that comes to mind when I think of Thanksgiving is Psalm 100. It has been memorized by students and staff at our Christian school probably more than any other part of God's Word.

Sometimes this over-familiarity with a passage causes us to miss some great and glorious truths we need. One particular thing we all need in this day and hour in which we live is a thankful heart. What can help us have this thankful heart and maintain it over the years. Three things come to mind.

## 1 - IDENTIFICATION

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Our God – **THE** Lord (note the definite article)

Ourselves – How we are described as sheep, but specifically **His** sheep)

## 2 - INSTRUCTIONS

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**Make**.....a joyful noise...to THE LORD

**Serve**.....THE LORD

**Come**.....before HIS Presence

**Know**.....HE IS GOD

**Enter**.....HIS Courts

## 3 - IMPACT

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The *Impact* that understanding our *Identification* and following these *Instructions* has on each of us is real. These things do not make us think that God is BAD, we do not get sour and bitter by considering these things, His mercy is made even clearer to us by heeding His Word.

Our heart, mind, attitude, and spirit is caught up in being reminded that the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth to all generations.