

“CHEAP WORDS OR COSTLY THANKS?”

(Romans 12:1)

INTRODUCTION: *The cranky grandmother*

I. WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH, BUT WORDS OF THANKS ARE OWED TO GOD

- A. Twice per day said King David (1 Chronicles 16)
- B. Special singers on the walls of the city (Nehemiah 12)
- C. Thanksgiving songs (Psalms 105 & 107)
- D. Jesus gave thanks (Matthew 11:15)
- E. The Church gave thanks (Revelation 7)

II. WORDS CAN BE CHEAP, BUT THANKS IS COSTLY

- A. Just ask Daniel of lion's den fame (Daniel 6)
- B. Thanksgiving: more than a 1 day “pig-out” (Amos 5)
- C. Want to thank God? Love your “brother” (1 John 4)
- D. Paul sums it up: we are *living sacrifices* (Romans 12:1)
- E. Our thanks are *in view of God's mercy* (Romans 12:1)

CONCLUSION: *Thanks to a life-saving stranger*

