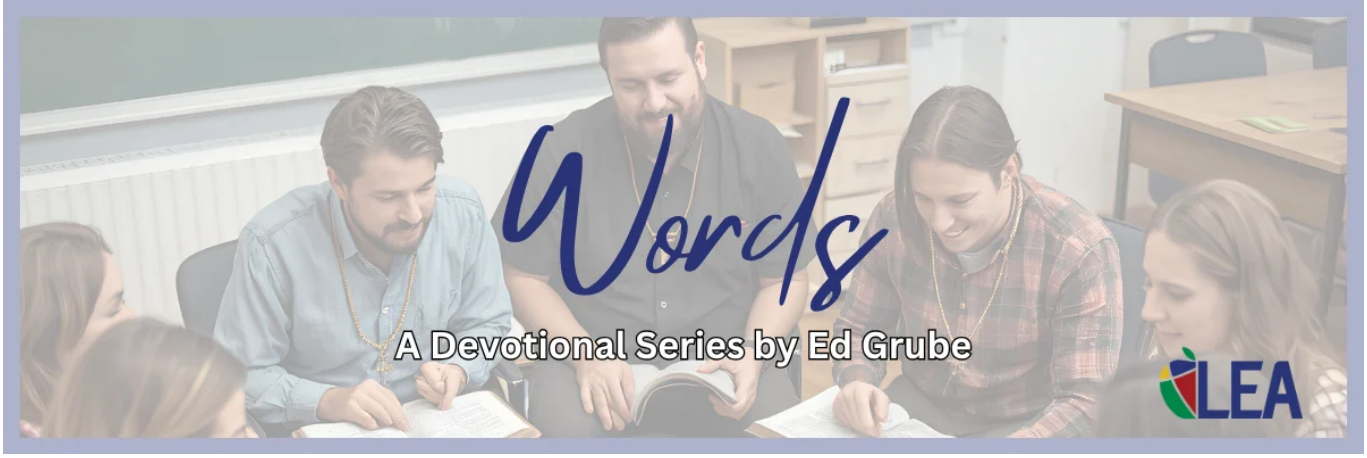



**LEA Weekly Devotion**
*Words series 2026–2027*

Week of November 22, 2026

# *Know Thanks*

> *Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you* (1 Thess. 5:18).

As a practicing Christian, you have probably practiced saying “thank you” frequently in a variety of situations that prompted the phrase to get from your heart to your lips. Better yet, perhaps you have uttered the words often to God, who is the root source of all “thank you” thoughts and certainly deserving the largest thank you of all for His saving action by His life, death, and resurrection. And you probably pass along that gratitude by thanking those who serve you. You can do that by saying things like “I’ll pray for you.” Thoughtfully and faithfully, Jesus’ disciples have been doing that for ages, as you see in these words from Paul to the Ephesians:

> *I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers* (Eph. 1:16).

Paul knew and used the power of gratitude to fuel the work of other disciples. He prayed for them, a useful function of your “thank you” button. But as easy as it is to use, it’s often easier to forget—except by very young children most often prompted by the season and the gifts soon to follow.

“Thank you” may most easily be forgotten by those who have jobs that others consider dirty or unimportant. Maybe the people who know no thanks need some prompting to know thanks. And don’t forget the Savior! He likes to hear it too. You could be a role model for all those involved in caring conversations. Be ready though. Many haven’t heard the phrase often enough to trust your sincerity and honesty.

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***Question for consideration and prayer:*** *Discuss “thankless tasks” and the people that regularly do them. (Maybe it’s you!) How will you give thanks for them?*

***See a Psalm:*** *Psalm 100*

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**A joyful heart is good medicine,**
**But a crushed spirit dries up the bones–Prov. 17:22 ESV**