### **INTRODUCTION:** <u>MAD MEN</u>

# I. INGRATITUDE IS NOT MERELY IMPOLITE

A. IDOLATRY: THE ESSENCE OF INGRATITUDE (Rom.1:21 /Dt.8:17; Lk.17:9; Col.3:5; Ex.20:3)

#### B. IMMORALITY: THE FRUIT OF INGRATITUDE (Rom.1:21f /Ex20:17,1f; Pr5:15f (2S12:2f); Eph5:4; 1Tm4:3f)

C. PLEASE & THANK YOU: FAITH FOR FAITHFULNESS (Jms.1:17; 1Cor.4:7; Dt.8:17,18,11f; see 1Cor.12:24,25; Eph.4:7f,16)

# II. THANKSGIVING IS AT THE HEART OF WORSHIP & LIFE

- **A. WORSHIP: THANK THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD!** (Rom.1:21; 1Chr.16:4,7,8,34,35,41; Ps.100:4; 107:1,8,15,21,31; 118:1&29; 136:1-3&26; Jer.33:11; Rev.4:9; 7:12; 11:17; see Eph.5:19; Col.3:16)
- **B. LIFE: GIVE THANKS & ENJOY TRULY!** (1Tm.4:3-5; 1Cor.10:30; see Mk.8:6; Acts 27:35; see Lk.22:19; contra Lk.18:11; Jon.1:3; 1Kngs.21:16)
- **C. THANK GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART...** (Acts 28:15; Rom.1:8; 1Cor.1:4; Eph.1:16; Phil.1:3(4:10f); Col.1:3,12; Phlm.1:4; 1Th.1:2; 2:13; see 2Cor.9:11,12; and Rom.16:4; 1Cor.12:24,25; Eph.4:7f,16)

**D. DUTY TO GIVE VS. RIGHT TO RECEIVE** (Lk.17:10 /vs. Mk.10:45; Phil.2:5f; Lk.22:27; see 2Cor.9:11,12)

## III. GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD!

- A. THANK GOD FOR HIS INDESCRIBABLE GIFT! (2Cor.9:15; 8:9; 5:21; Rom.8:32; see Jn.3:16; Acts 16:31; 1Th.1:9; Phil.4:6,7;9,11)
- *B. GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS!* (Jms.1:17(Rom.8:32; Eph.4:8f); Eph.5:20; 1Th.5:18; see references in II,A above)
- C. IMITATE GOD WITH UNGRATEFUL PEOPLE! (see Lk.17:10 /Lk6:35; 2Tm3:2; 2:24f; Rm2:4; 2C9:12)