

Appointed to Thank

Perhaps you've never heard of these two men; they are among the Bible's more obscure characters. Yet, their role was paramount.

In the great worship choirs of King David, they were appointed to give thanks. Jeduthun and Heman "were under the authority of the king," says 1 Chronicles 25:6. And they were designated by name to give thanks. It was their job!

Giving thanks is our job, too. We're under the authority of a King who commands (from various Scripture texts):

- "Be thankful."
- "Offer to God thanksgiving."
- "Come before His presence with thanksgiving."
- "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving."
- "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Writing on this subject, Dr. David Jeremiah, senior pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church in El Cajon, Calif., in his book *Turning Points*, declared that giving thanks is "one of God's commands for healthy living. The Creator of the soul is the Master Psychologist. He knows that thanksgiving is not only appropriate but therapeutic. It's hard to be both thankful and, at the same time, grumpy, cantankerous, critical, or ill-tempered."

Heed this advice as you go about your responsibilities today. Be a Jeduthun. Be a Heman. We are appointed by the King to praise His name and to thank Him every day.

– Beecher Hunter