

# THANKFULNESS

## Colossians 3:15 NLT

And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body, you are called to LIVE IN PEACE. AND ALWAYS BE THANKFUL.

- I. 3 VERBAL WAYS WE HONOR GOD
  - a. THANKSGIVING -WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S GOODNESS
  - b. PRAISE -WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S GREATNESS
  - c. WORSHIP - WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S HOLINESS, HIS MAJESTY

It's always the right time to celebrate the goodness of God our heavenly father. Our father is always good to his children. We should always in every situation be thankful to our god for who he is & all he does for us.

## 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 TLB

[16] Always be joyful. [17] Always keep on praying. [18] No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

**QUESTION-** What is God's will for us? Always be joyful, prayerful & thankful.

**POWER POINT-** It's not always easy to be thankful to God, but God says it is necessary. We must always be thankful in every situation not for every situation.

We can murmur & complain and be defeated or be thankful and receive the promised blessings.

## A GRACIOUS, THANKFUL HEART OPEN THE DOOR FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS

### Matthew 15:32-38 GW

Jesus called his disciples and said, "I feel sorry for the people. They have been with me three days now and have nothing to eat. I don't want to send them away hungry, or they may become exhausted on their way home." [33] His disciples asked him, "Where could we get enough bread to feed such a crowd in this place where no one lives?" [34] Jesus asked them, "How many loaves of bread do you have?" They answered, "Seven, and a few small fish." [35] He ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground. [36] He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks to God. Then he broke the bread

and gave it to the disciples, and they gave the bread and fish to the people. [37] All of them ate as much as they wanted. The disciples picked up the leftover pieces and filled seven large baskets. [38] Four thousand men had eaten. (This number does not include the women and children who had eaten.)

- THE UNGRATEFUL HEART OPENS THE DOOR FOR THE ENEMY TO DESTROY US.

### **1 Corinthians 10:10 NCV**

Do not complain as some of them did; they were killed by the angel that destroys.

- UNGRATEFULNESS IS THE CHARACTERISTIC OF MANY PEOPLE IN THE LAST DAYS

### **2 Timothy 3:1–2 NLT**

You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times.

[2] For people will ..... AND BE UNGRATEFUL.

- A GRACIOUS HEART OF THANKSGIVING TO GOD RECEIVES ANSWERS TO PRAYERS

### **Philippians 4:7 NCV**

And God's peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**NOTE:** ON PURPOSE CONTROL YOUR THOUGHTS. REFUSE TO LET THE NEGATIVE THOUGHTS OF THE CHALLENGES OCCUPY YOUR MIND. THINK ABOUT THE GREAT THINGS GOD DOES FOR YOU. THINK ABOUT WHAT JESUS DID FOR YOU.

### **Hebrews 13:15 KJVS**

By him (Jesus) therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

- WE ARE THANKFUL FOR ALL THE BENEFITS JESUS PURCHASED FOR US.
- WE MUST REMEMBER THE BLESSINGS JESUS PURCHASED FOR US BY CONSISTENTLY THINKING ABOUT THEM AND THANKING GOD FOR THEM LET'S HAVE THE ATTITUDE OF THE PSALMIST

### **Psalm 40:4–5 GNT**

Happy are those who trust the LORD, who do not turn to idols or join those who worship false gods. [5] You have done many things for us, O LORD our God; there is no one like you! You have made many wonderful plans for us. I could never speak of them all– their number is so great!

- INNUMERABLE ARE THE AMAZING THINGS GOD HAVE DONE FOR US.

### **Psalm 103:2–5 TLB**

Yes, I will bless the Lord and not forget the glorious things he does for me. [3] He forgives all my sins. He heals me. [4] He ransoms me from hell. He surrounds me with loving-kindness and tender mercies. [5] He fills my life with good things! My youth is renewed like the eagle's!

## **II. REASONS YOU CAN BE THANKFUL (GRACIOUS)**

### **2 Corinthians 2:14 GW**

But I thank God, who always leads us in victory because of Christ. (WE ALWAYS WIN IN CHRIST)

#### **1. YOU ARE FORGIVEN FROM ALL PAST SINS**

### **Ephesians 1:7 NLT**

He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.

#### **2. YOU ARE A NEW CREATION SPIRITUALLY**

### **2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT**

This means that ANYONE who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; A NEW LIFE HAS BEGUN!

#### **3. YOU ARE RIGHTEOUS IN CHRIST JESUS. (RIGHT STANDING WITH GOD)**

### **2 Corinthians 5:21 ERV**

Christ had no sin, but God made him become sin so that in Christ we could be right with God.

**Romans 5:1,6,9,11 ERV**

We have been made right with God because of our faith. So we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...

**4. YOU ARE DELIVERED FROM THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEVIL**

**Colossians 1:13 TLB**

For he has rescued us out of the darkness and gloom of Satan's kingdom and brought us into the Kingdom of his dear Son...

**5. YOU ARE SEATED WITH CHRIST JESUS.**

**Ephesians 2:5-6 ERV**

We were spiritually dead because of all we had done against him. But he gave us new life together with Christ. (You have been saved by God's grace.) [6] Yes, it is because we are a part of Christ Jesus that God raised us from death and seated us together with him in the heavenly places.

**6. YOU ARE BLESSED WITH ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS.**

**Ephesians 1:3 KJVS**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO SUCCEED.

ACCESS ALL YOUR BLESSINGS & MAKE THEM YOUR PERSONAL REALITY BY FAITH

**7. YOU ARE ANOINTED, EMPOWERED AND GOD'S PRESENCE LIVES IN YOU.**

HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN YOU (NEW BIRTH & INNER STRENGTH TO WIN IN LIFE. HOLY SPIRIT UPON YOU EMPOWERING YOU TO DO THE WORKS JESUS DID. TO BE AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS OF CHRIST JESUS)

- ANOINTED & EMPOWERED WITH HOLY SPIRIT

**Acts 1:8 TPT**

But I promise you this — the Holy Spirit will come upon you and you will be filled with power...

- ANOINTED & SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Ephesians 1:13 TPT**

Now we have been stamped with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:19–20 ERV

You should know that your body is a temple for the Holy Spirit that you received from God and that lives in you. You don't own yourselves. [20] God paid a very high price to make you his. So honor God with your body.

**8. YOU ARE HEIRS OF GOD AND JOINT-HEIRS WITH JESUS.**

**Romans 8:17 TPT**

And since we are his TRUE CHILDREN, WE qualify to share all his treasures, for indeed, we are heirs of God himself. And since we are joined to Christ, we also inherit ALL THAT HE IS AND ALL THAT HE HAS. We will experience being co-glorified with him provided that we accept his sufferings as our own.

HE SUFFERED ON OUR BEHALF FOR OUR BENEFIT. FOR US TO BE RESTORED TO THE POSITION OF BLESSING

**9. JESUS GAVE YOU HIS AUTHORITY OVER THE DEVIL AND ALL DEMONIC POWERS**

**Luke 10:19 NIV**

I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

AUTHORITY OVER ALL THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL IN YOUR LIFE AND OTHERS. JESUS DROVE THE DEVIL OUT WITH AUTHORITY

**Mark 1:27 NIV**

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching---and with authority! He even gives orders to unclean spirits and they obey him."

**Mark 5:8 KJVS**

For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

**NOTE: YOU MUST DRIVE THE DEVIL OUT WITH THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS CHRIST**

- WE THANK GOD FOR THE FREEDOM AND AUTHORITY WE HAVE OVER ALL THE ABILITY OF THE DEVIL.

## **10. YOU ARE HEALED – DIVINE HEALTH IS YOUR LEGAL NEW COVENANT RIGHT.**

### **Matthew 8:17 TPT**

In doing this, Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: HE PUT UPON HIMSELF OUR WEAKNESSES, AND HE CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES AND MADE US WELL. (ALL SICKNESSES AND ALL DISEASES)

### **1 Peter 2:24–25 ERV**

By his wounds you were healed. [25] YOU WERE HEALED 2000 YEARS AGO THEREFORE YOU ARE HEALED NOW.

### **Psalms 103:2–3 NIV**

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THANK YOU, FATHER, FOR ALL THE AMAZING GOOD THINGS YOU DO FOR ME!  
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