

God Loves

A Thankful Heart



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Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. We are entering the Thanksgiving season and one of the most prized possessions one can have is a THANKFUL HEART. In order to maintain a thankful heart you must know the value of it. Having Jesus along with thanksgiving in your heart is very valuable because He is there to lead and guide you through the path of life.

YOU MUST ABOUND IN THANKSGIVING

Colossians 2:6-7 says, “**As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.**” Abounding in this verse represents a picture of Thanksgiving. Abounding comes from the word “cornucopia” which means: spilling out an abundant harvest of blessings. A cornucopia was a horn containing food and drink etc. It was contained in an endless supply. A representation of this horn was used as a symbol of abundance, and overflowing supply. You may know this symbol as the “horn of plenty.” When you endlessly abound in giving thanks you are creating a never ending supply of love, joy, peace, and wealth.

WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART?

A heart that is not thankful is one that produces complaining, selfishness, and pride. If these self-destructing characteristics are in your heart, you will most likely live a defeated life that is filled with strife and bitterness. I learned years ago that if you give God thanks for what you have, even if it isn't much, God will give you more. **Matthew 15:36** says, “**And he took the seven loaves and fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples and the disciples to the multitudes.**” This was a miracle that happened before the people's eyes. You know, I just radically believe the Bible. I believe that you can start with what may seem small, give it the voice of thanksgiving, and somehow it will multiply. **GIVE GOD THANKS RIGHNOW! NOW I COMMAND LOVE, JOY, PEACE, HARMONY, HEALTH, AND WEALTH TO GROW IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST! Receive it and accept nothing less! Glory to God!**

THANKSGIVING IS A PASSAGE INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

One benefit of giving thanks is getting closer to God. **Psalms 100:4** says, **“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.”** The more you give God thanks, the closer you get into His presence. During a Wednesday night Bible class a couple of months ago, I told the congregation to lift their hands and give praise and thanks unto God. The anointing of God was there. We were in His presence. His Glory filled the room. When God's glory fills a room, revelation comes. Healing begins to manifest. Problems become solved. And questions are answered. Never cease giving praise. **THE ANSWERS TO YOUR PRAYERS ARE NOT FAR!**

ALWAYS GIVE THANKS

Ephesians 5:20 says, **“Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our lord Jesus Christ.”** Do you know that God gets a joy out of hearing you thank him? Another name for it is “gratitude.” If you are grateful for what He has already done he will do a lot more. The Palmist said in **Psalm 30:12** **“To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.”** If you endow yourself with thanksgiving you will become fortified with joy and contentment instead of fear and anxiety. Satan will wonder why you are praising God when you should be crying and complaining. He will become so confused that He will want to leave you alone. Now there will be times thanksgiving will be a sacrifice. You will not always feel like thanking God. This is where you will have to come to a resolve and thank God until there is a breakthrough in your heart, soul, and spirit. And this will create a breakthrough in your life.

Now, thanksgiving has to be by faith. Sometimes you will have to thank God before you see any results. Think about Jesus when he thanked God for the bread and fish. He was operating in faith because at the time Jesus did not have enough. But God responded to Jesus's thanksgiving with abundance. This is the kind of God we serve. We don't serve a God of lack and insufficiency. We serve a God of **MORE THAN ENOUGH!**

In conclusion, Carolyn and I want you to know that we pray and thank God for you every day. We believe that during this Thanksgiving season God is going to multiply His goodness in your home. So thank God like you have never thanked Him before, because you are about to see increase. Now, don't just thank Him in the month of November; thank Him throughout the year. When you don't feel like thanking Him, thank Him anyway. Glory to God! **We wish you and your family a Happy and prosperous Thanksgiving.** And Remember, **2013 IS THE YEAR OF HUNGER, THIRST, AND BEING FILLED!**

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