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## **5. Thanks-Giving Reveals Truth**

Psalm 138:2 – *I will bow down toward Thy holy temple, And give thanks to Thy name for Thy lovingkindness and Thy truth; For Thou hast magnified Thy word according to all Thy name.*

Romans 1:21 – *For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.*

## **6. Thanks-Giving Brings Freedom**

Psalm 142:7 – *Bring my soul out of prison, so that I may give thanks to Thy name; The righteous will surround me, For Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.*

## **7. Thanks-Giving Brings Salvation**

Psalm 106:47 – *Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.*

Psalm 50:23 – *He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God.*

## **8. Thanks-Giving Blesses Future Generations**

Psalm 45:17 – *I will cause Thy name to be remembered in all generations; Therefore the peoples will give Thee thanks forever and ever.*

Psalm 79:13 – *So we Thy people and the sheep of Thy pasture Will give thanks to Thee forever; To all generations we will tell of Thy praise.*

- Thanks to God, an attitude of thanksgiving, opens an avenue for Gods presence and blessing, and also His help to do what He asks of us.

## **WHY DON'T WE GIVE THANKS?**

- Why do we not always express gratitude or even acknowledge benefits or favors?
  1. We don't get what we want, it is chosen for us
  2. We don't see value in the gift
  3. We don't want to feel indebted or acknowledge that we are needy
  4. We don't want to feel we owe anyone
  5. We don't realize that a gift has been given, we are blind because:
    - a) We think we earned it
    - b) We see only the flaws, problems and debts

## **WHAT IS A THANKFUL HEART?**

1. How can you spot a thankful heart?
  2. Genuine thanks-giving may not always be immediate
  3. Being thankful doesn't mean we 'just take what we get' and sit there with it
- Thankfulness brings us to employ the gift, invest it, in ourselves and others, we work with it, and enjoy the obvious and hidden benefits
4. Having a thankful heart doesn't mean we have to accept all offers

## NEW TESTAMENT INSTRUCTIONS AND WHY IT IS GOOD TO PRACTICE THANKS

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - *Be joyful always; Pray continually; Give thanks in all circumstances, For this is Gods will for you in Christ Jesus.*

Colossians 4:2 - *Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*

1 Timothy 2:1-2 – *I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives is all godliness and holiness.*

Philippians 4:6 - *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

Colossians 3:15 - *And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.*

- An attitude of thankfulness in each individual of this part of the body of Christ will produce a unity and peace among us.
- Our job is not to be flaw pickers, but to be thanks givers.
- When we cultivate an attitude of thanks to God and the people he has given us, then we will see released to us prosperity in all dimensions.
- Jesus took the loaves and fishes – and gave thanks – and there was more than enough

Psalms 54:6 – *Willingly I will sacrifice to Thee; I will give thanks to Thy name, O Lord, for it is good.*

## THANKS-GIVING

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### GIVING AND RECEIVING

- The art, skill, manners and heart of thanks-giving has been neglected
- Thanks-giving is an attitude of heart and mind and it is a scriptural instruction!

### THANKS-GIVING IN THE PSALMS

- Thanks and praise are from the same root and are translated differently in different versions

#### 1. Thanksgiving Is A Sacrifice

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Psalms 50:23 – *He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God.*

#### 2. Thanks-Giving Gives God His Rightful Place

Psalms 118:28 – *Thou art my God, and I give thanks to Thee; Thou art my God, I extol Thee.*

#### 3. Thanks-Giving Brings Us Into God's Presence

Psalms 100:4 – *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.*

#### 4. Thanks-Giving Reveals Gods Everlasting Loving kindness

Psalms 136:1-2 – *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. I will bow down toward Thy holy temple, and give*