

In Everything Give Thanks

✘ A grateful heart is one of the characteristics of kingdom living. Unfortunately, giving thanks is one of the greatest deficits in the body of Christ.

In the first chapter of Romans, we find that God judged certain individuals because they did not acknowledge the God of heaven, nor were they grateful (see Rom. 1:21). God was angry with them because they continued to gripe about their surroundings and “lack” while choosing to remain distant from Him.

Prophetic Protocol

✘ Our generation is hungry for the paranormal. People everywhere are looking for answers, and their search has led to an obsession with various forms of spirituality that are devoid of God’s light and full of the lies of the enemy—witchcraft, astrology, necromancy, sorcery, spiritism and so on. Many have come to depend on psychics for the answers they seek.

We live in a time when the lost, often unwittingly, “[exchange] the truth of God for the lie” (Rom. 1:25, NKJV). Scripture foretold of this time: “‘For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect’” (Mark 13:22).

Scriptures to Help Control Anger


Is it hard for you to stop your anger from escalating? Here is a list of Scriptures that you can meditate on to help you control your anger. These scriptures were taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

1. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret—it only causes harm (Psalms 37:8).
2. A quick-tempered man acts foolishly, and a man of wicked intentions is hated (Proverbs 14:17).
3. He who is slow to wrath has great understanding, but he who is impulsive exalts folly (Proverbs 14:29).
4. A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger (Proverbs 15:1).
5. He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city (Proverbs 16:32).
6. The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, and his glory is to overlook a transgression (Proverbs 19:11).
7. Make no friendship with an angry man, and with a furious man do not go,
Lest you learn his ways and set a snare for your soul (Proverbs 22:24-25).
8. But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire (Matthew 5:22).
9. "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil (Ephesians 4:26-27).
10. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be

kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you (Ephesians 4:31-32).

11. So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God (James 1:19-20).
12. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth (Colossians 3:8).
13. Do not say, "I will recompense evil"; Wait for the LORD, and He will save you (Proverbs 20:22).
14. A fool vents all his feelings, but a wise man holds them back (Proverbs 29:11).
15. But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient (2Timothy 2:23-24).
16. Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing (1Peter 3:8-9).
17. For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you (Matthew 6:14).
18. Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, for anger rests in the bosom of fools (Ecclesiastes 7:9).
19. 'You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD (Leviticus 19:17-18).

10 Key Revelatory War Points

In this season we must rehearse the Word! We must meditate  on what God says until the power of that revelation enters our bloodstreams and cell structures. We also must learn to worship and minister in our homes. Doing so will allow our gifts to be activated in new ways in small groups. When the time comes that we are not free [to worship publicly in our church buildings], we will already know how to continue in our homes. Take the points below and use them to speak into your life and the environment around you.

The Perfect Sacrifice

Hebrews 10:1-17 We studied about the tabernacle and the pattern of prayer. We saw that now we can begin our prayers instantly with worship, because Jesus through His shed blood on the cross purchased us the right to now go boldly to God's mercy seat and find help in time of need. Only the high priest in the first covenant could enter into the holy of holies where he saw the mercy seat with the cherubim over it. He could only enter through the veil of the holy of holies once a year on the Day of Atonement. We have the great privilege now of entering God's throne room daily to find help in time of need because of the authority we have in Jesus' name and through His shed blood.

You Were Expensive!

☒ God's love for us is unconditional and unchanging. This is clearly seen in the words of Jesus' prayer the night before His crucifixion: "Then the world will know that you [God the Father] sent me [Jesus Christ] and will understand that you love them as much as you love me" (John 17:23, NLT).

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The interior ministry did not "supply the grounds for refusal" according to Rawda Ahamad, Nazeer's lead defense attorney.

"He has no charges against him," Ahamad said. "He is not a criminal. He must be released immediately. He's an innocent man—anyone exposed to this severe injustice would do the same."

On Oct. 3, 2008, Nazeer was arrested by Egypt's State Security Investigations (SSI) and sent to Burj Al-Arab prison. Although police never charged him with any crime, Nazeer has been detained for more than a year under Egypt's administrative imprisonment law.

Nazeer ran afoul of SSI officers a few days before his arrest when a group of local teenagers visited his website and clicked on a link to an online copy of "Azazil's Goat in Mecca," a novel written under the pseudonym "Father Utah." The book is a response to "Azazil," a novel by Yusuf Zidane, critical of Christianity.

Insulting religion is illegal in Egypt, but the law is enforced unequally. Zidane's critique of Christianity garnered him fame and awards throughout the Arab world. Nazeer's website link cost him his freedom, despite the fact that police have never publicly produced any evidence linking Nazeer to Utah's work. After Nazeer was arrested, posts continued on Utah's website.

Nazeer has reported to his attorneys that he has been placed in prison with felons, some of them violent. He also claims that prison authorities have pressured him to convert to Islam.

Gamel Eid, executive director of the Arabic Network for Human Rights Information, the group representing Nazeer, stood by his client's accusations, saying police have urged inmates to suggest to Nazeer that officers would work to free him if he were to convert to Islam.

Nazeer's situation is complicated by the fact that his writings upset both Islamic authorities and the hierarchy of the Coptic Orthodox Church. On one hand, he criticized the increasing Islamization of Egyptian civil society. On the other, he lamented the political involvement of the Coptic Orthodox Church. In one post, Nazeer wrote that a gathering of

activists at a Coptic church was inappropriate because churches were meant to be venues for prayer, not for politics.

According to Eid, Nazeer was arrested with the complicity of leaders in the Coptic Orthodox Church. In October of 2008, police detained Nazeer's relatives at a police station and threatened to hold them until he came out of hiding. Nazeer turned himself into the police station on the advice of Bishop Kiroollos of Nag Hammadi, Nazeer reported to his attorneys. Kiroollos assured Nazeer he would be detained no more than four days and then be released.

Kiroollos had denounced Nazeer to security, Nazeer told his attorneys.

All attempts to reach Kiroollos about his alleged involvement in Nazeer's arrest were unsuccessful. Several attempts to reach Bishop Anba Yoannes, authorized to speak about the case on behalf of the Coptic Orthodox Church's Pope Shenouda III, were also unsuccessful. Egypt's SSI, a political police force run by the Interior minister, routinely declines to comment on cases.

This week's application will be sent to a court within the Ministry of the Interior. But under the emergency law, police officials have the power to ignore court orders. When local police execute a court order to release prisoners held under Egypt's emergency law, security police commonly re-arrest them minutes later.

The law, enacted after the 1981 assassination of President Anwar Sadat, allows authorities to hold people without charge. Eid estimated that there are approximately 14,000 people imprisoned under this law. In 2005, while running for re-election, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak promised to replace the contested law. But in May of 2008, the Egyptian government extended the law for two more years.

Mamdouh Nakhla, an attorney and civil rights activist in

Egypt, said oppression of Coptic Christians is common and that many police officers in Egypt are the “agents of persecution.” At best, he said, they are complicit in acts of persecution. At worst, he added, police collude with others hostile to Christianity.

“They give green lights to Islamists, and protect them, and give them the feeling that they are immune from prosecution,” he said.

Larry Jones Fired From Feed the Children

✘ Feed the Children President Larry Jones was fired Friday from the ministry he founded 30 years ago. He is expected to file a wrongful termination suit this week.

The organization’s board of directors did not give a reason for voting to terminate Jones’ employment “effective immediately,” according to *The Oklahoman*. Jones’ wife, Frances, was not terminated.

(Photo: Larry Jones with wife Frances at feeding outreach in New York)

The firing came after Jones admitted to police that he authorized the installation of hidden microphones in three executives’ offices last April, including his daughter’s. Larri Sue Jones is Feed the Children’s general counsel.

The termination is the latest in an ongoing battle over who is in charge of the Oklahoma City-based compassion ministry. Last December, Jones had several directors removed from the board and had top executives fired, including his daughter, after

learning they planned to force him to take a sabbatical.

A judge reinstated the leaders, and in August a lawsuit about the power struggle was settled when Jones agreed to give up operation control.

In April, Jones had hidden microphones installed in the offices of his daughter, the chief financial officer and the chief operating officer, two of his attorneys told *The Oklahoman*. A private investigator found traces of the devices in the ceilings of the offices and got Oklahoma City police involved.

Jones' attorney said his client had the microphones installed to record his own conversations when he was in those offices. David Ogle, who specializes in criminal defense cases, told the Oklahoma City newspaper that ministry executives had misrepresented Jones' comments in the past.

In Oklahoma, it is legal to secretly record one's own conversations, but it is illegal to bug offices or listen in on others. It is not clear whether Jones will face charges for the hidden microphones.

Ogle said Jones passed a polygraph test last week about his intentions for the recording devices. Another attorney, Mark Hammons, told *The Oklahoman* that Jones would have to be convicted of a felony for authorizing the microphones in order to be fired for it.

"I did nothing wrong there," Jones told *The Oklahoman*. "I knew what the law was. ... They used wiretapping as the excuse [for the termination]."

Jones is worried that the ministry will see greater declines in giving this year because of the firing.

"I was in such shock," he told the newspaper. "I thought they had enough foresight to see that this is by far the best time of the year to raise money. ... This makes absolutely no sense-

none at all. Already, people are calling, saying, 'Larry, if you're not at Feed the Children, we're not going to do these projects.' ... Thirty years of hard work down the drain."

Hammons sent a letter to Feed the Children Friday demanding that directors remove Jones' name, likeness and voice from all advertisements.

The ministry reportedly collects more than \$1 billion in donations each year; records show Jones was paid \$230,323 annually, *The Oklahoman* reported.

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