

An Attitude of Gratitude

Here in the United States, we celebrate Thanksgiving in November; a time for family and friends to gather with an attitude of gratitude. Can I encourage you to have an attitude of gratitude as a daily routine? Do we look for God in all our moments, in every situation? I'd like to think there are those "silent blessings" that God is working out; blessings we call "normal" and may take for granted.

During this Thanksgiving season, I would like to share a couple special Scriptures that aren't only ones of gratitude but also mighty against our enemy, the devil.

"For this reason also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:9-11, NASB).

We have the name of Jesus that works! It's above every name. Whenever we don't know what to say, the name of Jesus is enough.

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all people. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and pleading with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things you have learned and received and heard and

seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you" (Phil. 4:4-9).

Let's remember why we rejoice and lift our voices to do so. Do we ever think of Jesus as nearby? Just think wherever we are, He is with us. His Holy Spirit indwells us. How much closer can the Lord be? These verses remind us to be thankful while praying. Perhaps thanking God for His solution with His timing in advance. We pray and God has the answer on the way. And while we are going about our day-to-day lives, God's Word tells us where to park our thoughts. Our God has peace. Lift your thanks and praise! God is great!

Holidays are around the corner and I have a free download for you. My website includes an area called "Read Full Testimony." When you go into this, you will find a "Christmas Program" nearly two thirds of the way down. Let it inspire you or please share with your pastor and leaders. It may be the program you use this year (works well for virtual/electronic services too).

Dear friends, we have been diving into sharing Jesus with those around us as well as growing with the Lord. We are working from my two books, Heaven Bound and Walking The Talk. You can read along as you listen to recent episodes of Loved Always. My website, , has links to purchase each book. Bring along your Bible as it is the foundation for any book I write to help believers. There are countless scriptures in these books. We will only be able to touch the surface within this framework.

I would like to make sure you have great affordable resources that help you in your journey with the great God we love, serve and worship. Need a tool for group Bible Study or new members at your church? Looking for a gift for the upcoming holidays? Yes, both books are great resources for that too!

November 30th is Giving Tuesday! Would you make a special

thank-you donation on this day? Perhaps even consider becoming a monthly partner. I value your partnership as we have the privilege and opportunity to make Jesus famous. The website has a donation link where you can sow into this ministry. Your prayers and support are always most appreciated.

Please enjoy the verse of the day or leave a prayer request at .

“The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD cause His face to shine on you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His face to you, And give you peace'” (Num. 6:24-26, NASB). {eoa}

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