

# **“God Is Ready To Bless You! (In All Things, Give Thanks! pt. 2)”**

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**{All scriptures are NIV84 unless stated}**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (MSG)**

**Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live.**

Be joyful always.

Pray continually.

Give thanks in all circumstances.

This is God’s will for you.

Give THANKS in all circumstances.

## **In All Things Give Thanks!**

This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ to live!

Thank God no matter what happens.

This means we thank God for the wins in life.

But we also thank God for the Ls we talk as well.

## **Be Thankful Because Every “L” Isn’t A “Loss,” It’s Actually A Lesson!**

If you lose a relationship...you have knowledge of what to avoid next time.

If you lose a job...you have wisdom and knowledge you can take with you!

Even if you find out things about yourself...you can always take something with you!

Sometimes it's hard to find...but there's a lesson in the loss!

What's a principle we can take with us about thanks?

## **In All Things, Start With Thanks!**

### **Psalms 105:1**

**1 Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.**

### **Psalms 106:1**

**1 Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

### **Psalms 107:1**

**1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

This is the first verse in three different chapters.

If you read them as psalms...or as "songs."

The first line...the first lyric.

The first thought...

They start with thanksgiving.

...the first idea...is to give thanks to God!

## **When You Start Your Day, Give Thanks!**

We have to start giving thanks to God for more than our food!

**This Month We Are Talking About 3 Categories To Give Thanks For:**

- 1. Giving Thanks To God For Our Inner Being**
- 2. Giving Thanks To God For Our Outer World**
- 3. Giving Thanks To God For His Love**

Last week we talked about Giving Thanks for the things God does for us internally.

## **Our Inner Being**

Our Inner Being is everything that makes us up as an individual.

The things that make us up as a person.

These are the things we can and SHOULD be giving thanks for AT ALL TIMES.

**Giving Thanks To God For Our Inner Being:**

- 1. God Is Our Healer**
- 2. God Is Our Protector**
- 3. God Is Our Restorer**

Check the message from last week for a review.

Today:

**Giving Thanks To God For Our Outer World**

Our Outer World are the things that influence the things we interact with.

Things that affect our lives but external things.

Thanking God for those in our circle.

Thanking God for Jobs and better jobs.

Raises and bonuses...

Estates and inheritances.

Houses and automobiles!

etc

But also keeping our families safe and protected.

These are things we should be giving thanks for AT ALL TIMES.

Today we're gonna talk about 3 areas to thank God for.

**Giving Thanks To God For Our Outer World:**

- 1. God Provides Constant Blessings**
- 2. God Provides Provision For Us**
- 3. God Gives Us Victory Over Our Battles**

**God Provides Constant Blessings**

We are thankful because we see that God's desire is to bless us.

We are thankful for previous blessings...AND future blessings.

There are scriptures all over the bible related to God blessing us.

We can find a LOT from Deuteronomy 28.

#### **Deuteronomy 28:1-2**

**If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. 2 All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God:**

If you are obedient to God...blessings will follow.

There is a list of things we're about to read.

This tells of the blessings God will do for us...

We should be thankful for this!

#### **Verse 3-9**

**3 You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. 4 The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. 5 Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. 6 You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. 7 The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven. 8 The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you. 9 The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the Lord your God and walk in his ways.**

So what happens when God blesses us with these things?

#### **Verse 10-14**

**10 Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they will fear you. 11 The Lord will grant you abundant prosperity—in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground—in the land he swore to your forefathers to give you. 12 The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. 13 The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. 14 Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them.**

This is the character of our God.

Is this not something to give thanks to God for?

Let's talk about some of what we just read.

#### **Verse 3**

**3 You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.**

- Wherever you decided to live...God's blessings would find you.
- God will open the heavens up to you no matter where you are.

We should thank God for that!

**Verse 4-5**

**4 The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. 5 Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed.**

- The things you produce will be blessed.
- The children you have...if you have them will be blessed.
- (calves, lambs) The things you own will be blessed.
  - your car might not break down
  - things you own don't mess up.
  - your clothes don't tear up.
  - even the things you may not take care of don't break down on you.
- Your basket (your food and water) will be blessed.
  - You don't have to go hungry with God.

**Verse 6**

**6 You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.**

- wherever you go...your daily activities.
- if you go to the store...to the mall.
  - to the gas station.
  - to church! You are blessed!

**Verse 8**

**8 The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.**

- Your bank accounts
- Your investments
  - God's hand will be on those things...

- You might have some losses...but your return is going to be great!

These are just SOME of the blessings God will do for you.

## **We Should Be Thankful We Have A God Who Blesses Us!**

Let's talk about number 2:

### **2. God Provides Provision For Us**

**Psalm 147:7-9**

**7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God on the harp. 8 He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills. 9 He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.**

Sing to the Lord with THANKS Giving.

This is showing the provision God gives!

God covers the sky with clouds.

The clouds bring rain...

The rain covers the earth.

Grass needs the rain to grow.

Animals eat the grass...

And the animals provide milk and meat to who??

Who planted the grass?

God placed it there!

Who put the animals there?

## **Give Thanks To God Because He Continues To Supply Our Needs!**

A farmer works and invests time and effort planting seeds in hopes that God will send the rain.

The farmer can rely on his own strength for so long...because God has to supply the water.

## **No Matter The Problem, God Can Take Care Of It!**

There is only so far we can go on our own strength.

**Philippians 4:19**

**19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.**

## **We Make Life Hard By Trying To Solve Problems God Has Already Answered!**

He will supply ALL our needs!

God already supplied the answer.

Get out of the way!

**Matthew 6:30-34**

**30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**

God provides the things you need.

Jehovah Jireh!

## **God KNOWS The Things You Need And Will Supply Them!**

### **3. God Gives Us Victory Over Our Battles**

**Deuteronomy 28:7**

**7 The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven.**

- God will protect you.
- They can't take out what God has blessed...
- they may think they won...but God has his hands on and has blessed you.

## **People May Think They Beat You, But They Don't Realize God Is Fighting For You!**

**1 Corinthians 15:57**

**57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Thank God!

The victory comes through him!

## **This Is How I Fight My Battles!**

Elisha let God fight his battle!

- open the servants eyes!

Moses let God fight his battle!

- move on!

Daniel let God fight his battle!

- he shut the mouth of the lion!

## **Even If You Can't See It, Give God Thanks For The Victory!**

**1 John 5:3-4**

**3 This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.**

Everyone born of God overcomes the world.

It's not your fight.

It's God's fight.

You already overcome because of him.

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In all things give thanks.

That's how we're supposed to live.

Giving honor to God for what he's done.

If you need something to give thanks for:

**Giving Thanks To God For Our Outer World:**

- 1. God Provides Constant Blessings**
- 2. God Provides Provision For Us**
- 3. God Gives Us Victory Over Our Battles**



God is worthy of it.

**If You Haven't Said It Today, "God Thank You!"**

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