

### 3. Gratitude Fuels Joy and Strengthens Faith

**Nehemiah 8:10 (NKJV)** The joy of the Lord is your strength.”

**1 Thessalonians 5:16 (NKJV)** Rejoice always,

**1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NKJV)** pray without ceasing,

**1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NKJV)** in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

**Philippians 4:4 (NKJV)** Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

### 4. Gratitude Encourages Generosity and Compassion

**Matthew 10:8 (NKJV)** Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons.

**Freely you have received, freely give.**

**2 Corinthians 9:7 (NKJV)** So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

### 5. Gratitude Keeps Us Humble and Dependent on God

**James 1:17 (NKJV)**

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

**James 4:10 (NKJV)**

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

**James 1:22&25 (NKJV)**

But **be doers of the word**, and **not hearers only**, deceiving yourselves...But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and **continues in it**, and is **not a forgetful hearer** but a **doer of the work**, this one will be **blessed in what he does**.



### The Power of Gratitude-Part 2

Saturday & Sunday, November 9-10, 2024

The just shall live by faith. **Habakkuk 2:4, Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 10:38**

**Hebrews 11:1 (AMP)** NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being **the proof of things [we] do not see** and **the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]**.

**Complaining is not faith and will never inherit the promises of God**

**Acts 5:41 (NKJV)** So they departed from the presence of the council, **rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.**

**Acts 5:42 (NKJV)** And **daily in the temple**, and **in every house**, they **did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.**

**2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (NKJV)** hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are, perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted, but not forsaken, struck down, but not destroyed...

**2 Corinthians 4:13 (NKJV)** And **since we have the same spirit of faith**, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," **we also believe and therefore speak,**

**2 Corinthians 4:14 (NKJV)** **knowing that** He who raised up the Lord Jesus **will also raise us up with Jesus**, and **will present us with you.**

**2 Corinthians 4:16 (NLT)** That is why **we never give up.** Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day.

**2 Corinthians 4:17 (NLT)** For **our present troubles are small and won't last very long.** Yet **they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them** and will **last forever!**

**2 Corinthians 4:18 (NLT)** So **we don't look at the troubles** we can see now; rather, **we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen.** For the **things we see now will soon be gone**, but the **things we cannot see will last forever.**

**James 1:2 (NKJV)** My brethren, **count it all joy when you fall into various trials,**  
**James 1:3 (NKJV)** **knowing** that the testing of your faith produces patience.  
**James 1:4 (NKJV)** But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

**Ephesians 5:20 (NLT)** And **give thanks for everything to God the Father** in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Bible never told us to thank God for something evil.**

**Jehoshaphat's Victory over Moab and Ammon**

**READ: 2 Chronicles 20**

**2 Chronicles 20:20 (NKJV)** So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: **Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.**"

**2 Chronicles 20:21 (NKJV)** And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the Lord, For His mercy endures forever."

**2 Chronicles 20:22 (NKJV)** Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

**Praise is a Weapon---It is the highest form of prayer**

**Paul and Silas in Prison**

**Read Acts 16**

**Acts 16:25 (NKJV)** But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

**Jesus Feeds 5,000**

**Read: John 6:1-13**

**John 6:9 (NKJV)** "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

**John 6:10 (NKJV)** Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about **five thousand**.

**John 6:11 (NKJV)** And **Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them** to the disciples, and **the disciples to those** sitting down; and likewise of the fish, **as much as they wanted**.

The primary reason to show gratitude. **Genesis 1:1**, In the beginning God...

**Five Things Gratitude Does**

**1. Gratitude brings us closer to God.**

**James 4:8 (NKJV)** Draw near to God and **He will draw near to you**. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and **purify** your hearts, you **double-minded**.

**Psalms 100:4 (NKJV)** Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and **bless** His name.

**2. Gratitude Shifts Our Focus to What Matters Most**

**Colossians 3:2 (NKJV)** Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

**John 14:12 (NKJV)** "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, **the works that I do he will do also**; and **greater works** than these he will do, **because I go to My Father**.