KEEPING AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

THE CAUSES OF COMPLAINING:

1) Eyes on the circumstances.
   (II Cor. 4:18 / Phil. 2:14 / II K. 6:14-16)

2) Un-forgiveness. (bitter, negative, grouchy)
   (Matt. 6:14 & 15 / Eph. 4:31 & 32)

3) Judgmental. (gossip, jealous)
   (Matt. 7:2-5 / Psalms 34:13)

4) Lack of Thankfulness.
   (I Thess. 5:18 / Luke 17:11-19)
   Note: In the story of the ten lepers, the percentage was one out of ten that was thankful. That’s only ten percent of the people who really appreciate what God has done for them. That would also be like saying ten out of one hundred are grateful, thankful, appreciative people. Remember, God uses others to bless us and pour His love, anointing and giving through. If we don’t thank others for being used by God, it’s like not thanking God, either. Be thankful to God and be thankful to other people that God uses to display His giving heart through. They need the encouragement, as much as you do by receiving it.

THE SOLUTION:

1) Fix Your Mind. (by changing your thoughts)
   (Heb. 12:2 / Phil. 4:6-8 / Joshua 1:8)

2) Guard Your Mouth. (by changing your words)
   (Psalms 19:14 / Psalms 35:28 / Psalms 141:3)

3) Praise The Lord.
   (Psalms 34:1 & 2 / Psalms 5:15 / Psalms 67:3 / Psalms 100:4 / Hebrews 13:15 / I Peter 2:9)

4) Give A Shout. (or sing)
CLOSING REMARKS:

If we don’t live a lifestyle of an attitude of gratitude, we will inevitably succumb to the wiles of the devil.

Satan feeds off of murmuring and complaining. The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of God to us when we live a life of thankfulness as we study God’s Word.

Our attitude is the barometer whether or not we will experience more of God’s presence, power and purpose for our lives. (See: Psalms 22:3)

“Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.” (James 4:8)

We can’t draw nigh to God with un-confessed sin, a heart of complaining, un-thankfulness or un-forgiveness.

Cleanse your heart,
Change your thoughts,
Praise the Lord
In your daily walk.

With Him to lead
And daily guide
You down the path
That’s always right.

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