

BE THANKFUL IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

TEXT: I Thessalonians 5:18 – “In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

QUOTES :

(Laury Hill) “Everything we do should be a result of our gratitude for what God has done for us.”

(Doris Day) “Gratitude is riches, complaint is poverty.”

(Kristin Armstrong) “When we focus on our gratitude, the tide of disappointment goes out and the tide of love rushes in.”

(Robert Brault) “Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.”

(Epictetus) “He is a wiseman who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has.”

(Germany Kent) “It’s a funny thing about life, once you begin to take note of the things you are grateful for, you begin to lose sight of the things that you lack.”

(Douglas Wood) “The heart that gives thanks is a happy one, for we cannot feel thankful and unhappy at the same time.”

(Epicurus) “Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for.”

(John F. Kennedy) “We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.”

(G. K. Chesterton) “When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude.”

THANKFUL PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE :

- 1) DAVID (II Samuel 22:1-51 – Victory over Philistines)**
- 2) Hannah (I Samuel 2:1-10 – God granted her a child)**
- 3) Elizabeth (Luke 1:24 & 25 – Barren woman bares a son)**
- 4) Jesus (John 6:11 – Fish & loaves of bread) THANK GOD.**
- 5) Lepers (Luke 17:15-19 – One out of ten gave thanks)**

- 6) Apostle Paul (Phil. 1:3-5 – Believers partnered with him)**
7) Mary (Luke 1:46-55 – The Magnificat)

VERSES ON BEING THANKFUL :

**Col. 4:2 / Ps. 106:1 / Heb. 12:28 & 29 / Ps. 107:21 / Ps. 69:30
/ Col. 3:16 / I Chron. 16:8 / Ps. 86:12 / Ps. 9:1 & 2 / Ps. 28:7
– “with my song I give thanks to Him.” / Ps. 92:1 & 2 / Ps.
95:2.**

**PSALM 100:4 – “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and
into His courts with praise, give thanks to Him; bless His
name.”**

**I Thessalonians 5:18 – “In *everything* give thanks...”
Philippians 4:6 (read it)**

EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE BEING THANKFUL OR PRAISING GOD :

- 1) Jesus & The Sinful Woman (Luke 7:44-50)**
- 2) Paul & Thankful For His Friends (Eph. 1:15-19)**
- 3) Miriam & Parting The Red Sea (Ex. 15:2)**
- 4) David Dancing Before The Lord (II Sam. 6:14-16/ 20-23)**
- 5) Paul & Silas Praising God At Midnight (Acts 16:25 & 26)**

PRAISE - Expressing our admiration for *WHO* God is.

THANKSGIVING – Being grateful for *WHAT* God gives us & what God has done. Appreciating it.

NOTE: Thanksgiving & praise helps to *strengthen our faith*.
See: ROMANS 4:20

Thanksgiving can be a *weapon* against the enemy.
See: PSALM 9:1-4

THANKSGIVING CAN LEAD TO BETTER RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS. WHO WANTS TO BE AROUND A COMPLAINER? (Phil. 2:14)

See: Psalm 118:24 – “...I *will* rejoice ...”

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