

# AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

NOVEMBER 2020

I want to talk to you about living the grateful life. It's not just a cliché; something so powerful happens when you live this life. We understand how powerful God's will is, and it is the will of God to give thanks. First Thessalonians 5:18 says, *"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."*

When we give God thanks and praise the way the Bible tells us, we release supernatural authority over whatever situation we are facing. God knows that you have faced a lot of different situations. Biblical thanksgiving is not a worldly holiday tradition or a religious activity, rather it's an everyday spiritual tool that we can use to stay on top and defeat the devil. He wants to tempt us to get us into self-pity so that he can ruin our lives.

I get it. I know it sometimes goes against our nature as human beings to be grateful when things don't seem to be working out. It's so tempting to get into a cycle of complaining and focus on what's going wrong in our lives! However, I encourage you to go ahead and live the way God wants you to live—determine to be happy and content despite your circumstances.

Living with this attitude of gratitude has tremendous benefits! Giving God thanks actually frees us from the stress of everything going on in this world today. Consider a biblical example of some folks who had an attitude of praise and thanksgiving towards God. Luke 17:13-19 says:

And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: **thy faith hath made thee whole.**

They were healed of leprosy, which means the leprosy stopped. One guy showed gratitude and Jesus said, "You are made whole." That means if there were fingers missing because of the flesh-

eating disease, they grew back. Being whole is having nothing missing or broken in your life.

Check out what this guy did to see how to deal with what's missing in your own life. He gave glory to God. He gave thanksgiving to God and Jesus said, "Your faith has made you whole." What do we see from this? Responding in thanksgiving restores whatever is missing and whatever is broken in your life. That's why you thank Him when you don't have enough to pay the rent—wholeness comes. That's why you thank Him when things aren't going right—wholeness comes.

Acts 16:25, 26 says, *"And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed."*

I believe that the foundations of your situations and issues are being shaken right now. Be loosed! From what? From everything that's holding you down, from everything that's got you in bondage, that's got you worried, stressed, or in fear. Be loosed from everything that's got you wondering if God's Word will come to pass! When your circumstances seem to indicate failure, I dare you to thank and praise God for what He's already done, and trust Him to work it out. Remember, there is *nothing* too hard for God!

Taffi and I love you and pray for you daily. May God richly bless your life! Remember, Jesus is Lord, and *"...in all of your getting, get understanding."*

Love,



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IN CHRIST JESUS CONCERNING YOU" (1 THESSALONIANS 5:18).***

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