

THANKSGIVING THE POSITION OF POWER

1. Jesus thanked God before the miracles

Matthew 15: ³⁴And Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven, and a few small fish.” ³⁵And directing the crowd to sit down on the ground, ³⁶he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ³⁷And they all ate and were satisfied

John 11: ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.”

- Let's develop a habit of giving God thanksgiving,

2. Thanksgiving Protects your heart against contaminants

- Thanksgiving keeps your heart from contaminants: PRIDE, DEPRESSION, JEALOUSY, DOUBT,

Colossians 3: ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

- Thanksgiving develops satisfaction for what God has done for you,

3. Thanksgiving Keeps you humble and in the faith

Colossians 2: ⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it^(a) with thanksgiving.

⁸Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

- Thanksgiving can help us find our godly point of satisfaction

Philippians 4: ⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷and the peace of God,

which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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- We must put roots down with thanksgiving to be continually established in Christ

5. Thanksgiving is a special place of reverence that moves God

Luke 17: ¹¹Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. ¹²Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. ¹³And they lifted up *their* voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

¹⁴So when He saw *them*, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, ¹⁶and fell down on *his* face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? ¹⁸Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

- The grateful heart will get the best that God has to offer