

THANKSGIVING November 21, 2018

A LIFESTYLE OF THANKSGIVING TO JESUS AND OTHERS

Choosing to be thankful to Jesus & others is a part of our everyday life.

****THANKS TO GOD:**

Psalm 75:1 We thank you, O God! We give thanks because you are near. People everywhere tell of Your wonderful deeds.

Hebrews 13:15 Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, and giving thanks to His name.

****THANKS FOR OTHERS:**

Philippians 1:3 Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.

1 Thessalonians 1:2 We always thank God for all of you & pray for you constantly.

*****Invite all kids to the stage; "Blow up" Jesus & "Blow up" others*****

Being thankful is not just a command from God, but it is a powerful force in the life of a believer.

Psalm 26:7 That I may proclaim with the *voice of thanksgiving*,
And tell of all Your wondrous works.

For us, as believers, a *thankful heart* is a primary characteristic.
(In contrast to pride, selfishness, & arrogance.)

No matter how rough life becomes, our heart is anchored by constant praise and gratefulness to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:57 But thank God! He gives us victory over sin & death through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Thanksgiving always goes with all of our prayers. A good habit to develop is starting all of our prayers with thanksgiving. i.e. Thank You, Father, for all You've done in my life; You're awesome & I love & appreciate You."

Examine your life; pay attention to your thoughts & words; see how much thanksgiving you express. Do you murmur & complain?

Try to get through an entire day without one word of complaint. Develop an attitude of thanksgiving in every situation. Become outrageously thankful; watch as your intimacy with God increases & He pours out greater blessings than ever before.

When we consistently choose to be thankful to Jesus, our focus is kept on His goodness in our lives, empowering us to overcome any obstacle. We'll live the abundant life God has destined us to live.

Psalm 136:1 Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever. **2 Give thanks to the God of gods.** His faithful love endures forever. **3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords.** His faithful love endures forever. **4 Give thanks to Him who alone does mighty miracles.** His faithful love endures forever. **5 Give thanks to Him who made the heavens so skillfully.** His faithful love endures forever. **6 Give thanks to Him who placed the earth among the waters.** His faithful love endures forever. **7 Give thanks to Him who made the heavenly lights—** His faithful love endures forever. **8 the sun to rule the day,** His

faithful love endures forever. 9 **and the moon and stars to rule the night.** His faithful love endures forever.