



The Prayer & Thankfulness Connection

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Matthew 18:19 NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

“I also tell you this: If two of you agree down here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you.”



Philippians 4:6-7 NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”



Gratitude Marks a Spirit-Filled Life

Ephesians 5:18b, 20 “Be filled with the Spirit....²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

Romans 1:21 “For though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God or show gratitude. Instead, their thinking became nonsense, and their senseless minds were darkened.”

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Try Thankfulness: God Enjoys Receiving It

Luke 17:17-18 Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

“Thanksgiving comes from a soul that has true insight and a strong affection for God.” [Chrysostom, Homily on Philippians 15.4.4-7]



Try Thankfulness: It Guards Our Hearts

Philippians 4:7 “And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

The word Paul uses (PHROUREIN) is the military word for standing on guard; this is a peace that aggressively defends the heart from everything that would seek to discourage it



Try Thankfulness: It Changes Our Thought Life

Thanking changes thinking—it reroutes the pathways of our thoughts, delivering us to a better destination



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