

### **Worship**

- We need to learn to worship and be thankful to God always and not only when it's going well with us
- We need to worship Him in all things

### **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

*“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

- We need to say thank you in advance for what is already ours

### **Philippians 4:6**

*Do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

### **Word**

#### **Psalm 107:1**

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever.*

#### **Psalm 105:1-2**

*Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name, make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him, tell of all his wonderful acts.*

#### **Psalm 9:1**

*I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart, I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.*

#### **1 Chronicles 16:34**

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever.*

#### **Psalm 7:17**

*I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness, I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High.*

#### **Psalm 28:7**

*The Lord is my strength and my shield, my heart trusts in him and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy and with my song I praise him.*

#### **Isaiah 12:4**

*In that day you will say: “Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name, make known among the nations what he has done and proclaim that his name is exalted.*

- When we read these scriptures it tells us to give thanks to the Lord every day
- It also tells us the importance of giving thanks to God and why we need to do it
- We need to give Him thanks because He is good and He is a loving father, that is seated on the throne and that loves us
- God is our strength and health
- It is important for us to have a thankful heart
- Appreciate the Lord that we are serving and what He has done for us

### **James 1:17-18**

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.*

- Everything we have is a gift from God. We need to appreciate everything that we have
- Without gratefulness we can become arrogant and self-centred
- Without gratefulness you can start to believe that everything you have is because of you
- When you are thankful towards God He keeps our hearts clean and it keeps us in a good relationship with Him who is the giver of gifts
- Thanksgiving reminds us of everything that the Lord has done for us
- We sometimes tend to think of what we do not have and this causes us to murmur, complain and compare ourselves with others, which causes a heavy heart. But thankfulness produces His goodness, mercy, love and joy in your heart
- When we start to thank Him for the things we normally take for granted, our perspective and life starts to change, we no longer seek things but we start to seek God. When you are thankful you begin to realise your very existence on earth is from the Lord
- The reason why you are here is because He chose to place you here

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*“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

- It's not always easy to be thankful in times of difficulty but when you are thankful in these times, it brings complete disorder in the enemy's camp
- When you are thankful always, you stop the enemy in his tracks
- We do not thank God for difficulties and all the challenges because that is not from Him
- We thank God because He sustains us through our circumstances

### **James 1:12**

*Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.*

- We thank God that He gives us the strength to endure through the times of difficulty

### **2 Corinthians 12:9**

*But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.*

- God strengthens us in our times of weakness
- We thank God because it is He that pulls us through the times of trial, tribulation, loss, trouble, etc.
- We thank God for His promises, that His promises are yes and amen

### **Romans 8:28**

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose*

- We know that God is the author and the finisher of our faith

### **Philippians 4:6**

*Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

- Thanksgiving keeps us in the right relationship with our Lord and keeps us away from harmful emotions and attitudes
- We feel good when we receive heartfelt praise and thanksgiving. God loves it too
- When we give God joy our own hearts are filled with joy

- There is an opportunity for us to be thankful for the year that has passed because whether it was good or bad, God still remains on the throne and He is serious and committed to your life and He has the best in store for you
- Know that your future is great
- Many times we just want to give God thanks for the good things but it is in the difficult times that He builds us
- He has something good planned for your future
- Thank God for the things in your future that has not come yet but it is already yours
- Be thankful that we have a heavenly Father that is seated on the heavenly throne, that loves us and wants to give us life
- We will always overcome because of Him