

THANKSGIVING: KEY TO MULTIPLICATION

-Hab. 3:17-19.

-John 6:5-13.

CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 50:7-15.

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-One of the great commands is to give thanks, for all God has done for us. Psalm 92:1-2

-It is a very important subject in the Bible, it is not just a day, but a lifestyle, we are called to live.

-Psalm is full of verses on thanksgiving.

Ps. 95:2 says, "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving....."

-The importance of thanksgiving need not to be overstated to believers, it is a worthwhile to consider its benefits.

- Our God is a giving God, it is one of his attributes.
- Giving is a facet of a stewardship Jas 1:17,
- When we give, it is a portion of what belongs to God.
- Giving is a measure of one's love for God: Matt. 6:19-21

9 MODES OF GIVING AGREEABLE IN THE CHURCH.

1.-Donations

2.-Thanksgiving,

3.-Regular pledge,

4.-Tithing-10%,

5.-Harvests,

6.-Offerings or seed ,

7.-Fundraising.

8. First fruits.

9. Alms-giving.

TYPES OF GIVERS

We have three kinds of givers:

-Grudge givers,- 'I hate to give'

-Duty givers,- 'Am forced to give'

-Thanks givers- 'I want to give.'

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING



THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE ARE ONE AND THE SAME THING.

- They are closely related and are interconnected as well.
- The one who praises God thanks him too.
- Let us remember to give God many, many “Thanks & Praise” for all His many benefits.

- Praise is to compliment and admire God for all his virtues and for WHAT HE IS.
- It is done in the form of **singing** and **praising** etc
- Whereas Thanksgiving is to express thanks to God for WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR YOU.
- It is done by remembering that all is from God .

-If our **thankfulness** is rooted only in God's "gifts," but not in God "Himself," then it is **shallow** and **superficial**.

-**Thankfulness**, though fairly **simple** and **straightforward**, but it is often remains an abstract positive to some.

-To others, it is like an unconscious reflex.

-Thanksgiving and physical health **are** seamless.
Healthy people are usually **grateful** and **positive**.

ENTER HIS GATES
WITH *Thanksgiving*
AND HIS COURTS
WITH PRAISE;
GIVE *Thanks*
TO HIM
AND PRAISE
HIS NAME.

Psalm 100:4



-With our busy-ness & schedules it is easy to forget & over-look the many God's blessings, count **your**.....

-The author of **Psalm 103:2** said, "Praise the Lord, my soul, and FORGET NOT all his benefits."

-Giving thanks, tough times is not always the easy thing to do, often our focus is different and so is our faith

-Thanksgiving provokes the blessings of God.

-God created everything , but he did not create thanks for Himself.

-What HE DID TO GET HIS THANKS is, that He made it a duty for all of His creatures to appreciate Him at all time. *Ps.150:6*

-You can either focus on your:

-Problems,


or

-Blessings.

THANKSGIVING

**What shall I
render to the
Lord for all his
benefits to me?**

Psalm 116:12



“There is always, always
something to be thankful for.”

-Habakkuk provides us with an example of “unconditional thanksgiving,” which we should demonstrate.

-His **complaints, answers** and **prayers** are recorded in the book.

- He struggles with God's silence and His **unwillingness** to judge Israel.

- The problem was not with God but their limited understanding.

-In 3rd chapter, he concludes with a **prayer of triumph** and **new understanding** of God's power.

- In vv.17-19, Habakkuk affirmed that even in times of calamities, he would still rejoice in the Lord.

-Despite difficulties you may be going through, take your eyes off your difficulties and look to God.

- He saw his own limitations in contrast to God's unlimited **power and control**

-**Sometimes** unless you have what you believe you should, **you may not see no reason to be thankful.**

-That's not **Habakkuk's perspective.** He tells us to show **gratitude** even when we don't have what we need.

-We need to **prioritize** what God is doing in a situation over our own **wants and needs.**

-We can learn from Habakkuk to **rejoice** even during **troubling times.** Our **ultimate source of thanksgiving** should come from what God has **revealed** about himself.

THANKSGIVING BRINGS INCREDIBLE MULTIPLICATION.

(The Principle of Multiplication)

- **Four things** stand out in John 6:5-13.
- The needy multitude.
- The inadequate disciples.
- The little generous boy.
- The adequate Saviour.

- Jesus was teaching thousands of people.
- It started to get late and people were hungry.
- Jesus and the disciples were confronted with an **overwhelming need**.
- Jesus could have dismissed or withdrew from the crowd, instead Jesus turned to his disciples and said “**GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT**”

-They were out in the middle of nowhere.

-There were no grocery stores and no other source of food.

-It seemed Jesus was asking impossible.

-The key thing here is that, God will never ask you to do something and fail to give you **ability** to do it.

-FIRST PRINCIPLE OF MULTIPLICATION.

-We see that something must be blessed before it can multiply.

-He took the inadequate resources they had and gave thanks to God

-SECOND PRINCIPLE OF MULTIPLICATION:

-Only what is given out can multiply.

-The miracle of the **inadequate** becoming more than **adequate**.

- The **5 loaves** and **2 fishes** multiplied in the hands of Jesus after He gave thanks to God.
- **5k** people were fed and 12 baskets surplus.
- While the disciples were still complaining, Jesus took it and gave **thanks and it multiplied**.
- Nothing is little in the hands of a thanksgiver, because God will cause an increase.

**5 WAYS TO SHOW
THANKSGIVING TO GOD.**

1.-REMEMBER HIM.,(It is an issue of **memory**)

-The first way to show true thanksgiving to God is to always **remember Him**, our thoughts, words, and deeds.

-It is impossible to give gratitude to God if we never **think or speak of Him**.

2.-RECOGNIZE HIS HAND

-To give thanksgiving unto God we must **recognize** His hand in our lives.

-What blessings has He **given** to you?

-As you count your blessings, be **specific**.

3. Give Thanksgiving in Prayer.

- Prayer is an **essential** part of conveying appreciation to our Heavenly Father.
- Through **expression** of prayerful gratitude and thanksgiving, we show our dependence upon God.

4- OBEY HIS COMMANDMENTS

-God gave us everything we have and the only thing he asks of us is to **obey his commands**.

-All that he requires of you is to keep his commands; for us to **prosper**.

5.SERVING OTHERS.

-One of the most profound ways thanks to God is through serving him by **serving others**.

It is so simple. All it takes is **personal sacrifice** and opportunities available..

-**Rise up** and begin to thank God.

-There is **a lot to thank** God for in your life. Don't let the devil **deceive** you.

-**Count your blessings**, name them one by one.... it will surprise you what the Lord hath done

-Cultivate the **habit of thanking** God

-The **attitude of ingratitude** is the hallmark of taking God for **granted**.

AMEN!

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