

# 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 **Psalms 103:2** said, “Praise the Lord, my soul, and **FORGET NOT** all his benefits.”

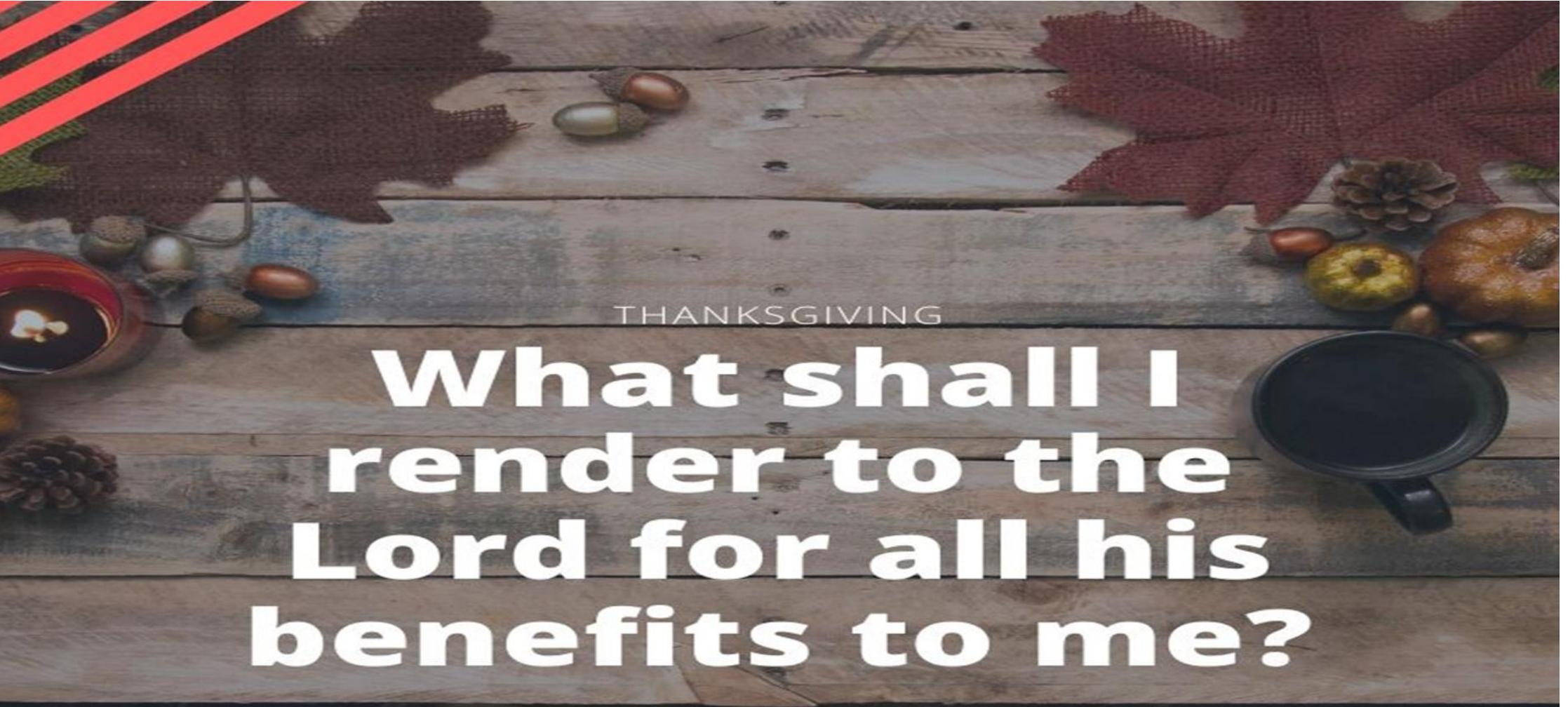
-Giving thanks, **tough times** is not always the easy thing to do, often our **focus** is different and so is our **faith**

-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  
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

A close-up photograph of autumn foliage, with leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red. In the background, a wooden bridge with railings spans a body of water, with more trees visible across the water under a clear sky.

“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.

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