

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

"<u>O Lord God</u>! You have made the heavens and earth by your great power; nothing is too hard for you! Jeremiah 32:17 (TLB)

• When we live from God's strength nothing is too hard for us.

<u>Be thankful in all circumstances</u>, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NLT)

And <u>give thanks for everything</u> to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:20 (NLT)

Being grateful is a <u>choice</u>.

• Don't miss the **opportunities** you've been given to be grateful.

Gratitude is not about getting all we **want** but recognizing all we **have**.

#### **Definition of gratitude:**

•The **<u>action</u>** of appreciation for something received.

•Gratitude is a **<u>response</u>** to the kindness of another.

•Gratitude is never silent.

## How to nurture gratitude:

## • We recognize <u>God</u> in all of life.

Every good and perfect gift is from above... James 1:17

I cannot count the times when you have faithfully rescued me from danger. I will tell everyone how good you are, and of your constant, daily care. I walk in the strength of the Lord God. I tell everyone that you alone are just and good. Psalm 71:15-16 (TLB)

• The absence of **praise** from us turns into **pride** within us.

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. Psalm 106:1 (NLT)

Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for <u>me</u>. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. <u>He fills my life with good things</u>. Psalm 103:2-5

## Action Steps:

• Take an inventory of God's **<u>goodness</u>** in your life.

He (God) fills my life with good things. Psalm 103:5

Gratitude turns what we have into enough.

• Spend time **<u>thanking</u>** God for His goodness.

"Give thanks to the Lord and pray to him." Psalm 105:1a (NCV)

• <u>Give</u> to God from a grateful heart.

"Give an offering to show your thanks to God. Give him what you promised." Psalm 50:14(NCV)

• Make every day a **<u>Thanksgiving</u>** day.

"Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done." Colossians 2:7(TLB)



# TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE In a growing relationship with Jesus.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups: These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Why?
- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and Ephesians 5:20; Why is it important that we are Thankful in all circumstances?
- · Do you find it hard to be thankful in all circumstances?
- Why is gratitude so important in our lives? How do we develop a thankful heart for every day rather than one day a year?
- · What are some ways to recognize the goodness in life as a gift from God?
- · Why does the absence of praise from us turn into pride within us?
- How does responding from our heart develop a grateful life?
- How does an inventory of God's goodness develop gratitude? Have you ever made a list?
- · How does giving to God develop gratitude?
- What is one way you can make every day a Thanksgiving Day?

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Today's Talk..



# Being Grateful in the Grind

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