



Growing Through Giving Thanks

GOD'S INGREDIENTS FOR GROWTH #2 NOAH LARGENT 6/23/13

Forgiveness
Humility
Authenticity
Community
Service
Grace
His Word

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¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray continually, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. -1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Gratitude: "Gratefulness, is an awareness that we are the recipients of goodness." - "THANKS! How Practicing Gratitude Can Make You Happier"

¹¹Now on his way to Jerusalem, ¹²As he was going ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" ¹⁵One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him - and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁷Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁸Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" - Luke 17:11-17

Gratitude's Great Enemy: Our thirst for MORE!

Most of us live life believing that contentment lays out there somewhere just beyond where we are and if we can just get that one more thing, then we'll be happy!

- This will work, but it'd be better with (fill in blank).
- If I just had enough to buy (fill in the blank).
- When I get (fill in the blank), then I'll be happy!

We spend our whole lives trying to figure out how to have what God has not yet given us.

-Joel Belz www.worldmag.com/2007/09/subprime_behavior

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." -Hebrews 13:5



A Serious Warning:

²¹Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused.

²²Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. ²³And instead of worshipping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols. - Romans 1:21-23

Being Thankful:

1. Gives us a renewed sense of appreciation for what we do have.
2. Guards against _____ and _____. Gratefulness is a reflection of genuine humility.
3. Reminds us of God's _____, and encourages us to be generous with others.

What Can We Do?

1. Make a commitment to saying and writing "Thank You", to your _____, _____ and _____.
2. _____ opportunities to thank God everyday.

If you make God the source of your thankfulness you will always be thankful because God will never leave you nor forsake you. -Doug Fields



Notes:
