

GRATEFULNESS

PSALMS 95:1-3 , PSALMS 100:1-5

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INTRODUCTION

- Gratefulness and honour is how we show the world how much we love God

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- Showing gratitude has so many proven benefits—physical, mental, and emotional—that everyone should make it part of their daily life.

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- Gratefulness increases favour with God.
- Gratefulness Attracts God's blessings, wealth and riches from God.
- Grateful gives a sense of peace and belonging.

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- Gratefulness challenges the heart of God Towards you, your family, work and businesses
- Gratefulness Makes God to give you long life so you can help other people

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- ❑ In this life we have so much to be grateful for each and every day, hour, minutes, and seconds.
- ❑ Life is a Glorious gift from God.
- ❑ But the challenges of life make us to forget to be grateful to God.

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- We should never allow storms of life and the lies of the devil deceive us to say God does not care.
- God cares and God loves His dear children-John 3:16-17.

GRATEFULNESS IS NOT EASY

- ❑ Gratefulness is difficult.
- ❑ It seems so easy and innate. God gives, we accept and are thankful—end of story. But it's rarely so simple or clean.

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What if we're not in a healthy place to receive God's blessings? What if God takes something or someone away from us? How do we live gratefully in the midst of suffering, or simply in the normal messiness of life?

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It's easy to fall into the trap of believing that gratefulness is passive: God is the one acting, bestowing gifts upon us. We just have to receive what he gives us.

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Receptivity, though, isn't always easy, and it is *never passive*. It means actively unclenching and opening our hands and our lives, not just when God wants to give us something shiny and new, but even when he gives us trials.

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True gratefulness stems from this receptivity. It is an intentional, courageous undertaking, challenging our assumptions of what God's faithfulness looks like in good times *and* in bad.

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If we are only grateful during good times, our response hinges on God's gifts to us, and our gratitude becomes conditional and weak.

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We too, are often irresolute with God because if we're honest, it's easier to be thankful when things are great in our lives, not when they are hard.

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The Israelites expressed this conditional gratitude to God many times throughout the Old Testament. They were thankful when the Lord delivered them, but they were often grumbling and ho-hum in their faith when things didn't go their way.

WHEN WE ARE GRATEFUL...

- ❑ When we are grateful to God, our focus is in **Not** on us but to God.
- ❑ When we are grateful, we demonstrate **humility and our dependency** on God.
- ❑ When we are grateful, we reveal that **God is a giver** of life and all gifts.

OUR GOD...

- God is the one who **provides all our needs.**
- God **cares for us more** than our parents.
- Gratefulness opens doors to **limitless and endless blessings** from God.

OUR GOD...

- God **always delights** in our thankfulness.
- We give thanks to our God with all our hearts because **of who He is and** what He does for us(Psalms 118:29)

CONCLUSION

- ❑ **Never get so discouraged** that you never get up to thank God for being always there for you!!!
- ❑ **I will bless** the **Lord** at all times and **His praises** shall continually be in my lips!!

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CONCLUSION

- Commit totally to God.
- Work on your character to be more like God.
- Learn to move in contentment.