

# Daily bread

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## ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE (PART 1)

### *1 Thessalonians 5:18 (KJV)*

In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

When last did you say thank you to anyone? Do you know it's God's will in Christ Jesus for you to have an attitude of gratitude towards God and people? Thanksgiving is an attitude of the heart. When you don't develop a heart that is full of thanksgiving, you will be a difficult person to work with and in most cases your prayer life will be so dry because prayer without thanksgiving is useless and incomplete before God.

Read this scripture *Colossians 4:2 (KJV)* "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving." Which means you can't just pray without thanksgivings. Such prayers will be weak and incomplete. When you pray and supplicate, also give thanks to God for he has already done much for you. Some people are always moody and angry when they approach God. They only see him as someone who is taking time to give them what they want. They forget that God also needs to be appreciated at least with words for all that he has done for them. They have an accusatory attitude towards God. They see him as stingy and selective. They accuse him of blessing others and leaving them out...When your heart is like this, then forget about receiving anything from God. Give thanks to God always.

Paul wrote to Timothy and said in **2 Timothy 3:2** that in the last days things will be difficult, people will be unthankful. Unthankfulness is an attitude synonymous with the nature of the devil. Each time you find it hard to say thank you, it means a demon has already taken control of you. Normally this demon comes in the form of pride and that makes you walk in the nature of the devil even though you are a believer. If you want to be free from the demon of pride, be thankful always even for small things.

To all the men, learn to say thank you for every meal prepared for you by your wives. Do not feel entitled. Do not eat and not say thank you. The thank you doesn't help your wife but it helps you.

To our women, even if you don't agree with the figure of money your husband has given you, put thanksgivings ahead of complaining. By so doing you create an atmosphere of gratitude which is key for increase. Train yourself never to allow anything that is done for you to go without being fully appreciated, no matter how small. Anything you celebrate will find its way back to you again, anything you don't appreciate will shrink and start to dry up. Maybe that's the reason you are receiving less and less money from your husband and you keep complaining but things are getting worse. Start today to appreciate him.

Dear Parents, thank the little your children have bought you. They have tried their best. Thank them and bless them. Do not be difficult to please for this will discourage your own children. You children, thank your parents for the efforts they have put in raising you. They did their best. Stop telling them what you think they should have done better. You are also becoming a parent yourself let's see how far you will go.

Be always grateful in life. Grateful people attract uncommon blessings towards them...to be continued tomorrow. Don't miss the **PART 2**. We will be touching on servants and masters or employees and employers and pastors and congregants. Do you know pastors also need to be grateful for what the saints have done for them? Yes, they should! Hallelujah Amen.

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## **ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE (PART 2)**

### **2 Timothy 3:2 (KJV)**

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, *UNTHANKFUL*, unholy,

The scripture is pointing out here that in the last days amongst other things, here people will be unthankful. There are many things that are listed there that we can discuss one by one. For now, let us focus on the attitude of un-thankfulness. We continue from where we left off yesterday...

### **Employees and Employers.**

**Employers** thank those who work for you daily to bring out your vision. Remember these people are putting almost all their lives to serve your vision. Be thankful to them. Your vision will always require people to understand it and work it out. If you don't appreciate those who work day and night for you, how then will God show you mercy. Gather them and tell them how much you appreciate them or to call them individually to tell them how you appreciate them. Even those who have domestic workers in their houses, you have to be very thankful to someone who is raising your child for you while you are away.

Some have all their children raised for them by their maids but not one day have they sat them down to thank them, what they do is only to complain. Be careful! Try your best to pay anyone who works for you or anyone who does any work for you a fair wage. Do not unfairly gain from anyone's labor. If you can't pay do not hire, lest you attract for yourself a curse. **James 5:4 (KJV)** "Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.". Did you see how the cries of the people whose payments you withheld have reached the ears of God? God's ears are inclined to hear the voice of the oppressed. Never exploit thy brother/sister who have served you. Never enjoy the sweat of another. In any deal make sure you pay fairly and in time. Read also **Deuteronomy 24:14-15, Leviticus 19:13.**

**Employees** also must be thankful to their employers who sign their paycheck every month. It is not that you are the best in what you do, anyone can come and do your job but your employer has

stuck on you. Have you thanked him/her for that? The reason why you haven't left your job means that it's still blessing you in one way or the other. Your pay will never be enough, no one will ever get rich by receiving pay. Don't blame your boss for giving you "not enough " pay. That's the nature of pay, it's always not enough. Change your attitude, go to him/her and say thank you sir/madam for seeing my value and have me here. Look all your children are going to school as a result of what they are giving you. It is not the best but it's something. Be thankful.

Most employees don't even have time to pray for their employers, the very man/woman who signs your paycheck every 30 days...what kind of heart is that? Do you know if God is to favor you, he will use your boss as the contact for that favor? If God wants you promoted obviously your boss is the one who will be used to do it. Do not always despise authority for God uses authorities to bless you. Do not always frown at work, be thankful to your boss and to God that at least you wake up and go somewhere. Many people wish they were working where you are. Wives pray for your husband's jobs, pray for his employers and bless them...one day he will come home with good news from the same employer. Do not steal material and time from your boss/workplace to come and serve God with stolen things...you will be cursed. Even time stolen from work should not be used for God.

My space is gone let us continue tomorrow. God be with you.

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