

“Happy Thanksgiving”

Philippians 1:3

Psalms 100:3-5

Paul encourages us to grow in the faith regardless of our circumstances, to the point that we conform to the image of Jesus Christ.

Paul thanks God for the Philippians and he also challenges them and if you're a Christian reading this,

he challenges you too!

And so, I must constantly ask myself, ‘Am I grateful for God and to God?’

We live in a country that believes the government owes every citizen, not only the freedom to excel, but a guarantee not to fail.

When we totally understand our place in the plan of God, we are more humble, more thankful and genuinely happier.

The only thing that seemed to encourage Paul more than a positive response to the Gospel was a continued positive response to biblical truth causing spiritual maturity.

Thanksgiving is the act of rendering gratitude to God and like memory; it is a function of the mentality of the soul.

As Christians, we should be fluent in gratitude to our Lord for preserving this nation.

The real you is your soul and what you think is vitally important.

It is your humble grateful mentality of soul that makes you a worthy friend or lover.

The father of arrogance is Satan, the author of the policy of evil which has no gratitude for God and is often found in the heart and demonstrated by the behavior of the rebellious believer.

And the result is no psychological hang-ups,

no self-centeredness,

no overwhelming desire for attention, no more self-importance, only

Christ-importance!

The normal attitude of the mature believer in the royal family of God is to be more pleased at the blessings of a fellow believer than our own.

It's easy to be pleased with the success of family and friends, but to go beyond to include everyone, even co-workers, takes tremendous humility.

Capacity for life becomes capacity for love.

There comes a time in the life of every believer, when he *must* become delighted in the promotion of our Lord Jesus Christ concerning the honor He has received by being seated at the right hand of the Father.

The concept of praise is an integral part of thanksgiving; it's gratitude for someone we love dearly being promoted and blessed with success and happiness.

Everything we have of any true value has been given to us by God and we should never be ashamed of His blessings.

And if we add up all our blessings in time, they come far short of what we can anticipate in the future.

Time's moments of blessing are simply a down payment on the future which is absolutely fantastic!

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NOTE:

You have to be taught before you overflow in thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is worship in which the Church Age believer acknowledges the benefits related to the divine initiative of grace from eternity past.

Thanksgiving is a moment by moment mental attitude reflecting the divine viewpoint of life.

Thanksgiving is the daily expression from capacity for appreciation of God and the mental attitude of gratitude toward Him, acknowledging the benefits of His grace.

Capacity for blessing means thanksgiving potential which depends on the amount of biblical truth in the soul, so that the believer that is blessed is occupied with the Giver and not just the gift.