**The Lord is the reason for us to give thanks!**

Isaiah 12:4 “And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD and call upon His name, to declare His doings among the people and to make mention that His name is exalted!”

God wants our heart to be Praise Him for His goodness towards us!

Today I want to talk about Living with the mindset of gratitude!

**This means first, we give thanks for the Gospel!**

1. The Gospel is the Lord Jesus Christ!
2. Jesus Died, buried and rose again!
3. Romans 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

**Some Fun Facts!**

BOTH SCRIPTURE & SCIENTIFIC STUDIES SHOW HAVING A MINDSET OF GRATITUDE YIELDS GREAT BLESSINGS

o Gratitude improves your brain and physical health.” We think better”

o Gratitude creates happiness. “We are blessed by God!”

o Gratitude helps you sleep better.

o Gratitude is the antidote to toxic emotions. “Stress kills us”

o Gratitude improves relationships – “People like thankful people”

o Gratitude opens the door to people and opportunities “Bosses see You”

o Gratitude is the evidence of maturity – “God grows you” Col. 2:9

o Gratitude pleases God and brings his blessing – God honors you!

**Second we must not forget God when we celebrate Thanksgiving!**

Today and Thanksgiving as we plan our fun and celebration, Let makes sure we don’t forget God in it all!

**A list of Thanksgiving towards God this Thanksgiving!**

* “You created and formed me in my mother's womb. So I thank you because you made me. ”Psalm 139:13-14
* “Be grateful for every year you live.” Ecclesiastes 11:8
* “My heart is happy because you saved me!” Psalm 13:5
* “I give you thanks because you are good.” Psalm 54:6
* “I praise the Lord for answering my prayers.” Psalm 118:21
* “I praise the Lord, because he guides me.” Psalm 16:7
* “Tell the Lord how thankful you are, because He is kind and always merciful.” Psalm 118:1
* “Give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love.” Psalm 107:8

***3 habits to practice to show thankfulness towards!***

*God tells us how to focus our thankfulness in our everyday living!*

**#1 Singing Back to God -**

* Just like we have different love language SO DOES GOD have different ways for us to show Him LOVE!
* You say I can’t sing! – God LOVES YOUR VOICE!
* Psalms 147:11 “The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.
* IF THAT ISN’T GOOD enough, then we have a pride problem!
* God sings about us!
* Zep 3:17 “The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.
* God loves you with an everlasting LOVE.
* Jeremiah 31:3 “The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.
* ILL. A Mother singing to their baby a layby!
* God is more than enough for me! Is HE for you?
* Music exist because God made it.
* Psa. 147:7 “Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:
* Paul told the Church to sing to God!
* Col 3:16 “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

**#2 Giving back to God**

1. Our Lives, Time and offerings.
2. Psalms 54:6 “I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; for You are good.
3. The Pilgrims started this in America for what God has done!
4. George Washington made the first proclamation for being grateful towards God!
5. Abraham Lincoln made it a Holiday!
6. God had told his people to do this 3500 years ago.
7. Deut 16:10 “And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the LORD thy God, according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:
8. King David made a proclamation when he was king.
9. Psa. 116:17 “I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.
10. This is God’s Second favorite way for us to show Gratitude!
11. Psa 50:23 “ Whosoever offereth praise glorifieth me:
12. When we give we are showing a 3D Gratitude –
13. We are thankful to God for our past, present, future!
14. We give God our firstfruits of our finances! This is a step of Faith!
15. Pro 3:9 “Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:
16. Pro 3:10 “So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.
17. Giving back to God is not only gratitude but it is faith!
18. And God always rewards faith!
19. Everything we have is a gift from God!

**1st Sing back to God , 2nd Give back to God and**

**3Rd Commune with God.**

1. This is what we do when we take the Lord’s Supper
2. 1 Cor 10:16 “The cup of blessing which we bless [give thanks] , is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?
3. We tell God thank you for dying for our sins!
4. Colossians 2:13 “And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;
5. God gave us new life not should a new leaf to turn!
6. Have you accepted God’s gift in your life?
7. We respond to God’s Love by communing with God in everything we do!
8. Col 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.
9. We exalt the Lord and love Him for what He has done!
10. Isaiah 12:4 “And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD and call upon His name, to declare His doings among the people and to make mention that His name is exalted!”

Will you tell me or someone that you are ready to live life with gratefulness towards God!

If your never called on God for Salvation and ask Him to save you, you can God today to save you! Tell me or someone that made a decision!