

Gratitude is the Foundation of Faith

***“O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
For His lovingkindness endures forever.”***

1 Chronicles 16:34

Faith ~ Persistence ~ Gratitude

The following passage from 1 Thessalonians conveys elements of our character that go hand in hand, to be one with the Father and to be His holy warriors: faith, persistence and gratitude.

“Rejoice always and delight in your **faith**; be unceasing and **persistent** in prayer; in every situation [no matter what the circumstances] **be thankful and continually give thanks to God**; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Giving Thanks Takes Us Higher

The worldly events and news can easily take us to or keep us at a lower level, operating from thoughts and emotions that are steeped in fear, worry, anger, anxiety, doubt and discouragement. Be mindful of how much you ‘eat’ of the worlds news versus the Good News. Use news items as targets for prayer, but not as truth. The Spirit of Truth leads us into all truth that is HIS Truth.

Gratitude comes from a higher place in the heart. It can literally take us higher. When we pray and speak from this higher place in our heart, the atmosphere shifts. We are literally calling in God’s Heart and God’s Will. We become one with God’s Heart and God’s Will.

Live in the Spirit

The Spirit is truth, freedom, love and mercy. The Spirit is justice and righteousness. The Spirit is holiness. The Spirit is goodness and patience. The Spirit is a part of God and His Son Jesus Yeshua Hamashiach. Choose the company you keep! Keeping company with the mind or emotions is a ship tossed about on

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every wave and storm. The Spirit is an anchor. The spirit of a Believer is anchored in the Most High God. Choose to live in the Spirit. This is the highest of who you are, who you are in Christ. Halleluia.

“For we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art],

created in Christ Jesus

[reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used]

for good works, which God prepared for us beforehand

[taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them

[living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us].”

Ephesians 2:10. AMP

The Peace of Messiah Brings Us Into Oneness with Him.

“The peace of Messiah must continually rule in your hearts, into which peace you were also called in one body: and you must constantly be grateful.”

Colossians 3:15

ASK and INVITE into your heart and whole being the Peace of Messiah. Make time on your calendar, in your daily life, to receive the Peace of Messiah. The Aaronic blessing includes this invitation: *The Lord lift His countenance upon you and bring you Shalom, peace.*

When we become established in the Peace of Messiah, we become one with His Spirit. When we are One with His Spirit, we are living in Spirit. Our core operating system is that of Spirit, versus the mind, ego or emotions. It is impossible to not feel and experience joy, peace and love when the Spirit is our core operating system.

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From your Spirit, giving thanks and praise is natural and spontaneous. Gratitude becomes a part of your core operating system. Walk in gratitude and bring the Peace of Messiah to the world.

ANOINT FOR GRATITUDE

1. Anoint Your Oil

- (a) Take oil (olive oil or other)
- (b) Consecrate it: put it in a separate bottle used ONLY for anointing.
- (c) Pray: "Father I take this oil and I anoint and consecrate it for You to bless people and homes, to heal, and to anoint my home, the earth, my shoes, myself and others. If there is any evil attached to this oil, I take authority over it; I bind those curses and send them to the dry place. I loose the Blood of Jesus into this oil to purify and bless it. I use this oil for healing in Your name and I will use it for nothing else but anointing."

2. Anoint Yourself

- (a) "I anoint my head with this oil as I put on the full armor of God; so I can have the mind of Christ to think as He thinks, to think His thoughts not my thoughts, to take my thoughts captive."
- (b) "I anoint my eyes so I can have spiritual eyes to see in the spirit, beyond the natural. I want to see what God sees."
- (c) "I anoint my mouth so that I am slow to speak, so that God bridles my tongue."
- (d) "I anoint my nose to breathe the Breath of Eternal Life."
- (e) "I anoint my ears so that I can be quick to hear from the Holy Spirit and only Him and not listen to false information. I understand that the Holy Spirit can and does speak to me through others."
- (f) "I anoint my hands that whatever I touch is blessed and prosperous."
- (g) "I anoint my heart to see people and situations through God's heart."
- (h) "I anoint my back, my spine to give me anointed backbone, true strength in the Lord God Most High."

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- (i) "I anoint my feet to anoint the earth and everywhere my feet trod, to cleanse and take back the earth for Your Kingdom on earth."

3. Ask the Holy Spirit for Revelation

- (a) "Reveal to me Holy Spirit, all that for which to give gratitude and thanks.

GIVE GRATITUDE ON BEHALF OF OUR COUNTRY

Father God, we give thanks for all the ways You have blessed and favored America. Thank You for making America a breadbasket for many other nations. We thank You for supernaturally restoring America's food supply from those who have been wickedly attempting to steal and destroy it. We give thanks that You have provided the resources and supports for us to bring the Gospel to the world. We give thanks that Your Good News trumps any news from the enemy. Thank you that You have heard, received and are answering our petitions, that You have received our repentance and cleansed us and America accordingly. We give thanks for Your mercy and lovingkindness.

Thank You Lord God for bringing Your Son Jesus Yeshua into the world to deliver us from the clutches and schemes of satan and his minions. Thank You for the supernatural Blood of Jesus Yeshua, that cancels every curse, EVERY curse, including all the curses that were on America on account of abortion. Thank You Lord God Most High for Your justice and judgement on the wicked, for exposing them to all the world, for bringing reparations to all who have been wronged.

Thank You Father God that everything the wicked ones have meant for evil and to destroy America have been thwarted and brought to naught. Thank you Father God that You are turning everything to good on account of those who love You and are called according to Your purposes. Thank You for the profound turnarounds and overthrow in our own lives, that we shall be a powerful testimony to Your grace, lovingkindness and love. Halleluia! Halleluia! Halleluia!