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(Pronounced makh'-ahee-rah)

- Daily revelatory thoughts to sharpen you and to help you grow in deep spiritual understanding and knowledge.
- Scriptures for your daily meditation.
- Daily Christ-centered and apostolic-prophetic prayers.

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THANKSGIVING IS ESSENTIAL

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus

Christ" Ephesians 5:20 (Webster's Bible Translation).

There are times when people think thanksgiving benefits God. There is nothing we do towards the Lord which benefits God. Whatever God tells you to do, helps you.

God is self-sufficient and self-complete. He doesn't depend on you to be satisfied. He has created an interdependence amongst us, to bring us into partnership with Him. This is mainly to help us get into the place of relevance.

There are people who think prayer is only about presenting a long list of requests. They give themselves to constant prayer demands. They don't even think that thanksgiving is an essential part of Spiritual warfare.

That was how Jehoshaphat went to war!

"After consulting the people, the king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the LORD and praising him for his holy splendor.

This is what they sang: “Give thanks to the LORD; his faithful love endures forever!” 2 Chronicles 20:21 (NLT).

Who goes into such a fierce battle with singers ahead of the army?

And they weren't even singing for help.

Their song was full of thanksgiving for the Lord's faithfulness and mercies.

If you think there is nothing to thank God for, just know He has been MERCIFUL.

Thank Him for His ever-enduring MERCIES.
([Read more about the Lord's mercies](#)).

When people are beginning to feel anxious, they do act on the instruction of the word to pray; yet they forget thanksgiving is essential.

Your prayer of supplication must be soaked in thanksgiving.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6 (Berean Standard Bible).

Learn to spend more hours to thank the Lord, than the hours you use in making a petition to the Lord.

Thanksgiving is not an option. It is a great demonstration of faith.

A thankful heart is able to acknowledge every good thing. And that is how faith finds full expression.

David said, *"I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth"* Psalm 34:1 (ESV).

You have to learn to thank the Lord at all times. As you wake up and get out of bed, thank the Lord. As you walk out of your room, thank the Lord. As you are served or serve yourself with food, thank the Lord. For every opportunity and at all times, GIVE THANKS!

This is God's will for you.

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (KJV).

Hallelujah!

DIG DEEPER:

(Daniel 6:10; Colossians 3:17; 2 Thessalonians 1:3; Psalm 136:1; 2 Chronicles 5:13)

WE PRAY:

Thanking the Lord for the abundance of His grace, His kindness through the year and His providence.

In the name of Jesus.

BIBLE READING:

Revelation 20

DECLARE THESE WORDS:

- With a faith-filled heart, I give thanks.
- In all seasons and circumstances, I give thanks.
- I give thanks in seasons when I'm expecting abundance.
- I give thanks in seasons, when there's abundance.
- My mouth is full of thanksgiving.
- Go ahead and thank the Lord on specific matters.

Oh Hallelujah, Gloreeeey!!!