

THANKING GOD FOR 2019

Sunday, December 29, 2019 AVBC 10:30 am

...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:20)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Philippians 4:6)

...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thess. 5:18)

1. M_____ - I will choose to be thankful..._____.

2. M_____ - I will strive to _____ others towards having a thankful attitude.

They (Levites) are to stand every morning to thank and to praise the LORD, and likewise at evening... (1 Chronicles 23:30)

Thanksgiving must be _____ to be learned.

Surely the righteous will give thanks to Your name...(Psalm 140:13a)

-Psalm 35:18; 79:13; 105:1-2; Psalm 107:1,2

3. _____ - I will say "thanks" to the _____ God uses to _____ my life.

4. M_____ - I will express thanks for all that God has given me by _____ to others.

*Thank Offering- is a _____ response to God's unsolicited blessings

*Turn Thanksgiving into Thanks _____ ☺

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: Take the time right now to list 5 things the Lord has blessed you with!

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Q2: Why are these things so important to you?

Q3: Read Ezra 3:10-13. What were some of the components of this thanksgiving experience? Was there anything that surprised you? How does the thanksgiving expressed in this passage relate to your life and your expression of thanks?

Q4: Pastor David said that thanksgiving must be modelled to be learned. Who modelled a thankful heart to you? Who are you seeking to infect with "thankfulness"?

Q5: Read 1 Timothy 6:6-9. What thanksgiving principles do you see in these verses?

Q6: John Henry Jowett, a British preacher, said-
"Gratitude is a vaccine, an antitoxin, and an antiseptic." What did he mean? He meant that gratitude, like a vaccine, can prevent the invasion of a disgruntled, discouraged spirit. Like an antitoxin, gratitude can prevent the effects of the poisons of cynicism, criticalness, and grumbling. Like an antiseptic, a spirit of gratitude can soothe and heal the most troubled spirit."

What strikes you about this quote? Anything you agree with? Disagree with? Why?
Q7: Explore Psalm 107. What are some of the things the Lord delivered His people from? What was their response? How have you responded to the Lord's protection and provision in your life?

Q8: Review your list in question #1. How might you respond if the Lord were to take one or more of these things from you? Who actually "owns" those "things"?