

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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ALL IN A DAY'S WORK!

Everyday is a day we have never seen before. We may have pictured what we might do for the next day, but have no clue if God will allow it. I thank God for each brand new day I have never seen before because I have another chance to give Him honor, glory, and praise! I know we do this everyday, but this month is a calendar time to give Thanks for all God has done. He is so lenient and merciful toward us.

Last month was a very busy month for me and I'm not complaining. I didn't take on more than I was supposed to, but it was in abundance. I really wanted to see how God would work all this out. I needed to:

1. Take time out for God to hear and see the direction I can go. Especially praying when I'm tired!
2. Prepare and finish the Sunday School Lesson for the next week; proof-read it, and put it on the website.
3. A Wedding program to design and print (100 ct).
4. Learn songs and teach them.
5. Prepare a talk and speak at my church.
6. Prepare to write articles for this Newsletter, proof-read it, and print it.
7. Call people and pray with them.

8. Take time out for family. They give me a break so I won't be at this computer all the time.



9. Oh yea, and lastly, cook & shop! (smile).
Then I start all over again with the next Sunday School Lesson, because it's weekly. You see, when you put it all in His hands, He works it out alright! Yes, God accomplished everything for me, because it was all to give Him honor, glory and praise! I love it when a plan comes together! I serve an **AWESOME GOD!**

God Bless!

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Special points of interest:

- God won't put no more on you than you can bear!
- Being a participant is being apart of the body.
- You can only receive, when you give and you can only receive what you give.
- The simplest thing may be foolish to some.
- Warfare begins with your mouth to get it going in the heavenlies!
- It's all about God!— Thanking and Praising Him!

Can You Bless God Anyhow?

My husband and I were on the road going to another church for 3:30pm service. We were at a red light, when all of a sudden, a truck struck our vehicle from behind. My husband got out of the car; I'm looking for pen and paper. We were in the middle lane, so my husband instructs the

other person to pull over to the side street. We were pulling over to go to the side street and all of a sudden the truck sped off and kept straight. Yea, that's right, he fled the scene. My husband went into another mode, backed the car up like he was Mario Andretti, the race car driver, and we

were in hot pursuit after the man in the truck. Oh yea, we lost him; didn't get the plate number or anything. We gave up; went on to the church; finally looked at the back of our car, and there was not even a scratch on the car. Can you praise and bless God with some fools anyhow? Need I say more?

God Bless!

AN OFFERING OF PRAISE "Whoso offereth praise glorified me" Psalm 50:23a

"**Whoso**"— is any of us. I'm a **whoso**. To **offer**: is to begin to draw near, present something for acceptance or consideration, or make a motion.

Praise— is the vehicle I use to glorify an awesome and holy God. I can offer and be an offering to God. Now to be an **offering** is not just the activity but the purpose of why I'm supplying, why I'm presenting, and why I'm surrendering, why to God. You see He only wants one thing, my heart. If my heart is not sold out, submitted, and humbled toward Him, it will not be what pleases Him and His power will not be present.

Your body has a great deal to do with this because (1Corth.3:16) says "*Know ye not that ye are the temple, the house of God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*" Romans 12:1 says, "*you are to present your bodies as a living sacrifice holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service.*" You're an offering **unto God** whether you want to be or not because *every knee shall bow and confess that He is God.*

Present— means to yield. What are you yielding? You're yielding your body as the vehicle God desires to move through, speak to, and dwell with, preferably, the matter of the heart.

You are to present your body as a living sacrifice. **A living sacrifice**— means my body is alive, it's enliven, it has life. For what purpose? For God's purpose.

"*Whoso offereth praise glorified me!*" God does not want you to be unenlivened which describes a person whose spirit is unexercised, undemonstrative, and starved to the point of death. That's why their spirit can't seem to praise God. They have not let go so the Holy Spirit's Power can have **free will** in them.

Therefore, we are to use every opportunity to present our body and surrender our heart voluntarily to God. He expects it. However, He don't make you get up; He don't make you clap your hands; He don't make you sing; He don't make you shout. However, He expects it. You're inviting Him in with all His power. Your spirit has to connect with His Spirit. The Lord inhabits, He dwells, and lives in our praises. You are the one to open the door of your heart, the path for His entrance through your offering of praise. Your yielded heart that draws near to Him gives purpose for Him to come. He's placed gifts in you to function and to be used for His Glory, to Exalt Him, to reverence Him, and for His Presence to come in. The veil has been torn down, split, and there is no more partition for us to come to Him and for Him to come to us.

You are the temple of God that the Spirit dwells in (1Corth.3:16). God's presence is the ultimate epitome of power. And we invite this power into our daily lives through lifting up of our praises to Him.

When we are joyful and blessed, praise flows from our lips. But when we are being attacked by the enemy of our souls, it is hard to praise the Lord. That is why Paul exhorts us in *Hebrews 13:15 to give the sacrifice of praise, continually*. It says, "*By him (the Holy Spirit) therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.*"

Ps.34:1-4 I will bless the lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast of the Lord, the humble shall hear thereof and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord and he heard me and delivered me from all my fears.

You ask, do I always have to participate? Can I just watch others praise Him? You see, you can only receive, when you give and you can only receive what you give. It's according to what atmosphere you want to live in — Your flesh or your spirit. Your flesh will say, *'I don't want to praise God, I don't feel like praising God right now, or I don't think it takes all that to praise The God, The Creator that woke me up this morning!'* However, what you fail to see, is that your spirit needs that connection with God and God wants to inhabit and dwell in you. You'll miss out as to what God wants to get to you and through you in the day, at this time, and this moment, even to the degree of something that looks and seems foolish. "*Let no man deceive himself, if any man among you seemeth to be wise in the world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise*" 1Corth.3:18.

Now how do I become a fool for God and glorify Him at the same time? When Peter and John left the Sanhedrin with bleeding backs, they still had praising lips; Paul and Silas filled the Philippian jail with songs of praise. In both cases they offered praises to God when their situations looked bleak and hopeless. They became more of a "*Praiser*" than a complainer. "**Whoso offereth praise glorified me" Ps.50:23.** You're a "**whoso!**"

The simplest things to do may seem foolish to the natural man but to the spiritual man they are wise and mighty because God has chosen the foolish and weak things to confound the wise. Standing, clapping, lifting the hands, dancing, waving the hands are all done for man, why not for God? Why don't we honor God with that, and more? The body, mind, and spirit, and emotions should be laid on the altar.

Now for the interesting part: You might seem awkward and foolish at first saying, Thank You Jesus; Hallelujah;

PRAYER

Lord, we are in a blessed country! Many complain about the least thing and don't realize that there are others that are not as fortunate and even so in other countries. Lord, I pray for softer and compassionate hearts that will begin to thank and praise You for the smallest blessing. All of us are individuals with different person-

alities, but we share the same air. The air we breath is the smallest of blessings we can thank You for.

And as we share the same air, may we share our testimonies with one another—the goodness and mercy You give; Your continuous faithfulness with provisions; Your righteousness; Your Saving Power, and much more! We may not have the

same things, but You are more than enough to go around to all of us. You are everywhere at the same time. And You are everything we need! May we not take the smallest of our blessings for granted. May we have spiritual eyes to keep us in the right frame of thought—trained by faith! In the Name of Jesus! Thank you Lord! **Amen!**

(con't) **AN OFFERING OF PRAISE** "Whoso offereth praise glorified me" Psalm 50:23a

I Adore You; Praise Your Name, out loud before others. You may not be used to lifting your hands to God and you may not be used to waving your hands; And it may not feel like you; Or it may be that you just don't like people to tell you when to do it! Your hands are used to surrender to a Holy God. When you are in the sanctuary, you are in cooperate praise and the body of Christ moves together in the same atmosphere, producing the same result — that is to glorify the One God you came to worship. In togetherness there is the power of God to heal, set free, and deliver! The book of James says, *you must submit to God first and then resist the devil and he will flee (4:7).*

Clapping and shouting usually go together in tearing down the walls of the enemy. There is warfare going on in the heavenlies. However, from **Your** lips is the conduit; out of your mouth come blessings and warfare against the enemy. Ps.8:2—*Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger* [strength also means praise]. You are setting the atmosphere on earth and in heaven.

Remember flesh has been leading you for a very long time to use your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin. However, "*if you yield yourselves to God as those that are alive from the dead, and use your members as instuments of righteousness unto God*", God will take your shame and your pain. He will not allow you to feel awkward. You see, He's already taken your place at Calvary. We bypass that feeling by just letting go and praising God anyway; by just doing it. Don't think about it, just do it!

I don't want to leave unfulfilled. I don't want to come into God's Presence and leave the same way. The

world has nothing to offer me, but **I** have something to offer God and God has something to offer me. I offer my heart. He offers His love and revives me. I offer my time. He offers His Presence! I don't have to worry about what someone else is doing in the sanctuary or how they're looking. I'm not ashamed of who I am and what He's doing in my life. All I see is Him! He is covering me, He is enveloping me. He is indwelling in me. And when that happens, "Its All About Him."

Do you have a reason for waking up every morning? It's not just to go to work. It's to give God Glory. How do you do that? — As An Offering Of praise! This is His day. He created it just **for you!** So remember Ps. 50: verse 23, "*Whoso offereth praise glorified me!*" (God). I'm a **whoso**. And I can be an **offering to offer praise that glorifies God**. It's not doing what I used to do, (an outward show to the world) but it's doing something I don't usually do with an inward heart of love for an awesome God. This has to be an applied practice.

- I **can** make a joyful noise unto the Lord.
- I **can** serve the Lord with gladness.
- I **can** come before His Presence with singing.
- This is **my** opportunity to realize that the Lord He is God.
- This is **my** opportunity to realize He made me and I didn't make myself.
- This is **my** opportunity to realize that I am His chosen people, a sheep of His pasture.
- And when I enter into His gates with Thanksgiving and into His courts with Praise.
- **I Will Bless His Name.** Ps.100

Because I Am An Offering Of Praise!

God Bless!

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POWER IN THE WORD MINISTRY

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

My MISSION:

Reach and encourage others in letting you know that God is able to do the impossible.

My VISION:

Articles to be written in a Book to inspire others.

IT CAN HAPPEN

How much more shall your Father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him? Matthew 7:11b

My MISSION:

Use the God-given gifts for His glory!

My VISION:

Teach others to reach for those God-given gifts in them.

BIBLE THANKSGIVING QUIZ:

1: What happened to Daniel after he gave thanks to God by his open window?

- a ...He was thrown in the fiery furnace
- b ...He was thrown into the lions' den
- c ...He was beheaded
- d ...He was put in a muddy dungeon

2: What occasion did David write Ps.105 for?

- a ...Defeating the Philistines
- b ...Killing Goliath
- c ...Receiving forgiveness for his adultery
- d ...Bringing the ark back to Jerusalem

3: What instruments were used to praise God when the temple foundation was rebuilt?

- a ...Many stringed instruments
- b ...Sackbut and psaltery
- c ...Trumpets and cymbals
- d ...Harp and lyre

4: At the Last Supper what items of food and drink did Jesus give thanks for?

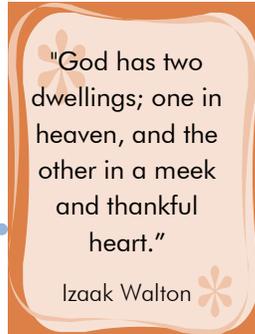
- a ...Honey and milk
- b ...Fishes and water
- c ...Bread and wine
- d ...Locusts and nectar

5: During what traumatic event did the apostle Paul take bread and give thanks?

- a ...Sea voyage
- a ...Earthquake
- a ...Fire
- a ...House falling down

6: Who did Jesus raise from the dead by a prayer of thanks to God?

- a ...Moses
- b ...The widow of Nain's son



LEARNING THANKSGIVING SCRIPTURES

1ST WEEK	2ND WEEK	3RD WEEK	4TH WEEK
O GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD; FOR HIS MERCY ENDURETH FOREVER.	FATHER I THANK THEE THAT THOU HAST HEARD ME.	BUT THANKS BE TO GOD, WHICH GIVETH US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.	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.
I CHRONICLES 16:34	JOHN 11:41c	1 CORINTHIANS 15:57	COLOSSIANS 3:17

Meditate on these for 30 days. Get them into your heart. They will be needed when leading a soul to Christ.

Dates To Remember November 2010

Tuesday, November 2, Election Day Voting

Sunday, November 7, @2 a.m., Daylight Saving Time Ends

Thursday November 11 Veteran's Day



Thursday, November 25, Thanksgivings Day

- c ...Malchus
- d ...Lazarus

7: Why do the four and twenty elders in Revelation give thanks to God?

- a ...God has destroyed that old serpent, the devil
- b ...God has taken His power and commenced His reign
- c ...God has shown the Lamb of God to the world
- d ...God opened the seventh seal

8: In the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, what did the Pharisee thank God for?

- a ...That he was not sinful like other men
- b ...For all his material possessions
- c ...That he was able to keep God's law daily
- d ...For his family and friends

9: Where was Jonah when he prayed to God with the voice of thanksgiving?

- a ...Nineveh
- b ...On board a ship heading for Tarshish
- c ...Tarshish
- d ...In the fish's belly

10: Who gave thanks to the Lord when they saw the baby Jesus?

- a ...Herod
- b ...Anna the Prophetess
- c ...The shepherds
- d ...Simeon

11: How did Paul say we should let our requests be made known to God?

- a ...With hearts full of thankfulness
- b ...By thanking God for all our blessings first
- c ...By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
- d ...By praise, worship and thanksgiving

12: Out of the ten lepers Jesus healed, what nationality was the one who returned to thank him?

- a ...Jew
- b ...Samaritan
- c ...Roman
- d ...Assyrian

13: What human qualities does Paul list as being signs of the last days?

- a ...Kindness, meekness, thankfulness, gentleness
- b ...Those who choose the narrow path of thankless evil
- c ...Covetous, boasters, proud, unthankful people
- d ...Lovingkindness and thankfulness to all nations

14: In the Sermon on the Mount to who does Jesus say God is kind?

- a ...The unthankful and the evil
- b ...The lowly, meek and thankful
- c ...The ungrateful and the lascivious
- d ...Those who thank him for their blessings

15: Who does Paul thank God for because their faith and love grew exceedingly?

- a ...The Corinthians
- b ...The Galatians
- c ...The Ephesians
- d ...The Thessalonians

Answers:

1) Dan.6:10-12	6) Jh.11:38-41	11) Phil.4:6
2) 1Chron.16:7-22	7) Rev.11:16-17	12) Lk.17:12-16
3) Ez.3:10	8) Lk.18:11	13) Ztm.3:2
4) Matt.26:26-27	9) Jonah 2:1-11	14) Lk.6:35
5) Acts 27:23-35	10) Lk.2:36-38	15) ZThess.1:3