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MESSAGE NOTES

The Power of Thankfulness

1 Thessalonians 5:18

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Psalm 86:11 “Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.”

1. Thankfulness helps us to see the next step.

You may have asked — “Lord, what do you want me to do?”

1 Thessalonians 5:18 “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”.

God will lead you - Psalm 32:8 8 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

God will provide for you - Philippians 4:19 “And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.”

2. Thanklessness blocks the path.

Thanklessness is a negative heart attitude, that blinds us from seeing what is being given to us.

3. God has made our thankfulness something that gives him glory and gives us joy!

Some examples of thankfulness from the New Testament letters to the churches include:

1 Corinthians 1:4 “I give thanks to my God always for you”.

Ephesians 1:16 “I do not cease to give thanks for you”.

Philippians 1:3 “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you”.

2 Thessalonians 1:3 “We ought always to give thanks to God”.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 “give thanks [to God] in all circumstances”.

God’s answer to our prayers for guidance and provision starts when we begin with us giving thanks in all circumstances.

Conclusion:

Thanklessness is a spiritually unhealthy. It blinds us to what God has already given us.

When we lay thanklessness aside and run with thankful joy we will be set in the correct direction God has for us.

How do we do this? We begin by obeying God’s simple, health-giving wisdom: “give thanks in all circumstances” (1 Thessalonians 5:18).