

Thankful living – Focusing on the Up look!

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Psalm 100:1-5

Keeping the UPWARD Focus:

1. I am thankful for _____. (v.1)

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Ps 4:7 (ESV) ⁷ You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

“I use to think people complained because they had problems,
but I have found people have problems because they complain.”
--Doctor Dale Robbins

Ps 63:3-4 (NKJV) ³ Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You. ⁴ Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.

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

2. I am thankful for _____. (v.2)

² Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

We can experience the presence of God...

1) When we _____.

² Serve the LORD with gladness!

Gal 6:9 (ESV) ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

1 Tim 1:12 (ESV) ¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service.

2) When we _____.

² ...Come into his presence with singing!

It's a command!

Ps 68:32 (ESV) ³² O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, Selah

It's our testimony!

Ps 40:1-3 (ESV) ¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. ² He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. ³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

3. I am thankful to _____. (v.3)

³ Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

1) Know that God _____ us.

2) Know that God _____ us.

4. I am thankful for _____. (v.4-5)

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! ⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Giving thanks honors God...

Ps 50:23 (NIV) ²³ Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me, and to the blameless I will show my salvation.”

Rom 1:21 (NIV) ²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

We have so many reasons to be thankful!

What are you choosing to focus on?