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Thanksgiving 2025!!!

The Power of a Gratefulness... One of God's Best Secrets!

Jesus Christ Demonstrated Gratefulness

After they removed the stone to Lazarus's tomb, Jesus said; "Father, I thank Thee that thou hearest Me. And I knew that Thou hearest Me always; but because of the people standing around I said it, that they may believe that Thou didst send me." John 11:41-42 See also Mathew 15:36, 26.27, Luke 22:17,19.



***In Every-
thing Give
Thanks;
for this is
God's Will
for You in
Christ
Jesus...***

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Jesus Christ Deserves Our Gratefulness

After healing the 10 lepers; "Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, and he fell on His face at His feet, giving thanks to Him." Luke 17:15-16

"Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name." Hebrews 13:15

Gratefulness is the Doorway into the Presence of God

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; Bless His name. For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting, and His faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 100: 4-5

Ungratefulness may Prevent us from Knowing God

"For even though they knew [about] God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened." Romans 1:21

Gratefulness Affects Our Attitude About All We Do

"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." Colossians 3:17

"He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God." Romans 14:6

Gratefulness Helps Protect Our Hearts

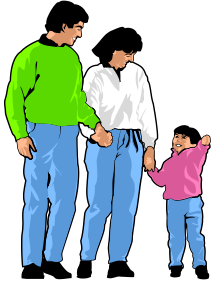
"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

Gratefulness Helps Our Speech

"...And there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks." Ephesians 5:4



Gratefulness Grows Healthy Attitudes Toward Others



“But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.” 2 Thessalonians 2:13

Personal Notes, Phone Calls and Statements of Appreciation are important ways to express gratefulness to our family and friends.

Gratefulness Helps Our Response to Adversity

“In everything give thanks...” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

“Always giving thanks for all things...” Ephesians 5:20

“Consider it all joy... when you encounter various trials...” James 1:2

“...But to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing...” 1 Peter 4:13

Gratefulness Is God’s Powerful Secret: *When we make a faith choice to verbally give thanks in and for the adversity [not necessarily feel thankful], it changes the center of our focus off the problem onto Christ that strengthens our faith to walk thru the adversity with a healthier attitude. This enables us to better cope with the problem with joy in the midst of struggle, because struggle is the evidence of faith, not the lack of faith. (See 1 Peter 1:6-9).*

We Are Personally Grateful...



This Thanksgiving season we are grateful for several family events. We are grateful that God permitted us to have Charlotte Patzke, Richard’s mother, as a part of our lives and our children’s and grandchildren’s lives. She lived for over 101 years. The inclusive sense of family that she created is a real treasure. She has graduated to glory!

Second we, Richard and Carla, celebrated our 50th wedding (Oct. 4) anniversary on September 26th. Our daughters planned and paid for the celebration party in secret for months. They outdid themselves. The last family event Charlotte was able to attend was our 50th anniversary party.



We are Grateful for You!!!

One of the great privileges of doing Biblical Counseling is that we are on the front lines of confronting the effects of our conflicted culture as it reaps destruction in peoples lives. Often it is during the Thanks Giving/Christmas season of the year when the emotional pain of loneliness, rejection, guilt and shame in people’s lives that overwhelms them. It is often at this intersection of pain and purpose that Biblical Counseling is so effective. Because we can help people understand not only the cause of their pain, but we offer true hope through the redeeming work and life of Jesus Christ. As they grow in gratefulness thru their relationship with Christ... He restores, heals and matures them into His character. Through the years we have seen God use Biblical Counseling to minister to thousands of individuals and families. You make all this possible

We are expressing to you how much you mean to us! [Thank you for being a special part of God’s plan for this ministry.](#) Your prayers for us and investments in the kingdom of God thru Christian Ministry Concepts are resulting in thanksgivings to God from those who receive Biblical Counseling, and from their families and friends. Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support.

Richard + Carla Patzke

P.S.: Will you prayerfully consider a special end of the year gift to our ministry to help us to continue offering Biblical Counseling to those in need. Thank you.

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Ephesians
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