



THE POWER OF THANKSGIVING

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DAY 1 – KEEP SPEAKING YOUR THANKSGIVING

Read the book of Ephesians like a letter because that's what it is—a dynamic gospel letter, written to regular people. Beginning in the fourth chapter, the Apostle Paul gives corrections to the church members in kindness and love. If you have thanksgiving in your heart, it's going to come out of your mouth.

STUDY IT

- I. Read the book of Ephesians like a letter because that's what it is—a dynamic gospel letter, written to regular people.
 - When an instruction comes from the Bible, we, as believers, cannot put off onto God what He has relegated to us.
- II. Beginning in the fourth chapter, the Apostle Paul gives corrections to the church members in kindness and love.
 - God gives us instructions and we need to take corresponding actions.
 - “That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts” (Ephesians 4:22).
 - You put off your former corrupt life, your way of doing things.
 - “And be renewed in the spirit of your mind” (Ephesians 4:23).
 - Be renewed in your mind. Enjoy correction. It's done in love, and it's for your good.
 - “Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil” (Ephesians 4:25-27).
 - This is a vital key: The motive of your work must be love.
 - “Let him who stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth” (Ephesians 4:28).
 - Give to those who are in need. The purpose of work is to be able to give. If you don't have anything, you can't give.



- Whether you are an employee or not, your job is to be a witness. Start witnessing and look for things you can sow.
 - “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers” (Ephesians 4:29).
 - Let your words and attitude be of praise to God; and edify and build up others, instead of expressing a bad attitude.
- III. If you have thanksgiving in your heart, it’s going to come out of your mouth.
- Whatever is in your heart in abundance, your mouth will speak.
 - Whatever we pray about doesn't inform God. He already knows. First, we pray—then heaven moves on our behalf.
 - The prayer of agreement is still active in the earth.
 - Whatever you bind or loose on earth is bound and loosed in heaven (see Mathew 18:18-20).
 - If any two of you on earth ask, then it will be done by the Father in heaven.
 - Put praise in your mouth, now!

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Did you know you can control what you think about? You can stop unproductive thoughts by simply telling yourself to think about something different; think about Jesus! Put praise and thanksgiving to God in your thoughts and your words.

It’s up to you to monitor your thoughts and your words so that they line up with God’s WORD.

Write two things you can think that will please God and move you to thanksgiving.

1. _____

2. _____



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DAY 2 – THANKSGIVING IS A LIFESTYLE

It's Thanksgiving week in the United States—a national holiday dating back to its beginning days. Brother Copeland demonstrates the last thing he prays at night and the first thing he prays each morning: "I love The LORD my God with all my soul, mind and heart, and I love people." The Apostle Paul gave the Church instructions on how to live to please God. You can choose whether or not to take a thought.

STUDY IT

- I. It's Thanksgiving week in the United States—a national holiday dating back to its beginning days.
 - To have a day of giving thanks to God for the greatness and beauty of this country is a heritage unlike any other nation.
 - True thanksgiving is a lifestyle. Give thanks to God today and every day.
- II. Brother Copeland demonstrates the last thing he prays at night and the first thing he prays each morning: "I love The LORD my God with all my soul, mind and heart, and I love people" (John 13:34).
 - Jesus looked up to the Father, gave thanks and handed the disciples the bread to feed over 5,000 people (see Matthew 14:19).
 - He said to the disciples, "You're going to feed them."
 - It's recorded in heaven: Jesus gave thanks and the disciples fed thousands of people.
 - Jesus is the Giver of Thanks.
- III. The Apostle Paul gave the Church instructions on how to live to please God.
 - "I therefore, the prisoner of The LORD, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love" (Ephesians 4:1-2).
 - "Forbearing one another in love" means to put up with one another.
 - Paul was writing to Gentile people untrained in the ways of God.
 - Someone must tell the people in your area how to please God.



- Imitate or mimic Jesus, who is God manifested in the flesh, and walk in love (see Ephesians 5:1-2).
- Put a thanksgiving thought in your mind.
 - The devil is trying to push thanksgiving out of your mind and heart. Don't let him do it.
- Make this confession with Brother Copeland: "My mind is my mind. I think whatever I decide to think. I say whatever I decide to say. Therefore, my mind, according to the Scripture, is the mind of Christ. So, the Anointing on His mind when He was in the earth, is available to me while I'm in the earth. I do not think strong, bad thoughts. I do not. According to the Scripture, I cast those thoughts and reasonings down. I refuse to touch them in my thought life. I imprison every thought, and I don't let it out. I choose to think thanksgiving thoughts. I choose to think healing thoughts, love thoughts—God thoughts. This is God's mind provided to me through two covenants of blood: the blood of animals and the blood of men; then the blood of God. And that blood belongs to me."

IV. You can choose whether or not to take a thought.

- Jesus said, "Why *take* the thought, saying?" (see Matthew 6:31).
 - A thought unspoken dies stillborn. When it gets out of your mouth, you can't get it back. You have said it.
 - Some words, good and bad, live a lifetime in the person to whom you said them.
- The LORD said, *Kenneth, I love you but I don't like you very much. Under the current conditions I can't expand your ministry any further. You're too high-tempered. When someone makes you mad, you react in the flesh.*
- The LORD said to Brother Copeland:
 - Don't ever again read what's written about you good or bad. Instruct your staff not to bring you anything written about you.
 - If you read the bad stuff, it goes over and over in your mind.
 - Don't read the good either, bragging on you and establishing pride in your heart. Actually, in the spirit, you are a nobody without God.
- Brother Copeland made those changes, and he never knew anything about all the nasty things that came out in print.
- The life of thanksgiving and faith is a good life.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Pray with us:

"Heavenly Father, I ask for help with my thought life. I want to think what You think and say what You say. Thank You, Sir. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen!"



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DAY 3 – GIVE THANKS IN EVERY SITUATION

Give thanks to God. A particular incident took place in this land we call the USA that was a great help to the newcomers. Give thanks for your nation. Paul teaches about people who are not thankful.

STUDY IT

- I. Give thanks to God.
 - Give thanks for your parents.
 - Brother Copeland is thankful for his dear praying mother and a dad who was such a righteous example.
 - Give thanks for the United States of America.
 - Before it was formally a nation, people suffered and many died to get here from other countries that persecuted them for their Christian beliefs.
 - They were looking for a place where they could worship God freely, and they found it.
- II. A particular incident took place in this land we call the USA that was a great help to the newcomers.
 - An Indian was captured, made a slave and taken to Europe.
 - In his difficult situation, he learned the English language and made his way back home to America.
 - A war was brewing between the Pilgrims and the Indians. This Indian stood between them and explained in his language and in English that both groups knew and loved God. That stopped the problem, and the two peoples came together.
 - The Indians introduced the Pilgrims to corn, how to plant it and harvested a bountiful crop for which they were thankful.
 - Thanksgiving in that first colony united a handful of Christian people and the Indians.
 - Giving thanks was the key to the opening of this nation.



III. Give thanks for your nation.

- On the property of Kenneth Copeland Ministries, we resurrected our flag pole and put up the flag of our country.
 - According to government regulations, Old Glory is to be flown only during daylight hours unless it is illuminated in a specific way.
 - If damaging weather is forecasted, our security personal recover it—remove and fold the flag properly.
- The Pledge of Allegiance and the national anthem, *The Star Spangled Banner* are still valid.

IV. Paul teaches about people who are not thankful.

- People who reject God are clearly seen. They are without excuse. They become fools because they don't acknowledge Him (Romans 1:20-21, 28).
- Start the day acknowledging God in your life, worshipping Him and giving Him thanks.
 - Good communication ministers grace to the hearers (Ephesians 4:29).
 - Warn those who are unruly or disorderly and comfort the feeble minded. Rejoice evermore (1 Thessalonians 5:14, 16).
- Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and speak a language you didn't learn. It's a gift.
- Jesus is the gift to the world, and the Holy Spirit is the gift to the Church.
- In everything give thanks (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Don't give thanks for bad things, give thanks to God in it and get out of it.

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Write down a prayer you can pray for your nation.



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DAY 4 – THE POWER OF THANKSGIVING

We are thankful that in the United States we have a day set aside to give thanks—Thanksgiving Day. Give God glory and thanksgiving based on His WORD. We also thank God for our Partners all over the world.

STUDY IT

- I. We are thankful that in the United States we have a day set aside to give thanks—Thanksgiving Day.
 - We give praise and thanksgiving to God for the magnificent Name of Jesus that is above every name.
 - Everyone and everything will bow its knee and confess that Jesus Christ is LORD.
 - It's the only Name under heaven given as a weapon of power against the enemies of God.
- II. Give God glory and thanksgiving. Be thankful you're breathing.
 - God said every sickness and disease is part of the curse (Deuteronomy 28:61).
 - COVID is part of the curse, and we've been redeemed from it. For that, we can give thanks.
 - Gloria says in Healing School, "If you do what's right in the natural and supernatural, you can live in divine health."
 - "O give thanks unto The LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of The LORD say so" (Psalm 107:1-2).
 - Fools, because of their transgression, are afflicted, tested, tried and sick (Psalm 107:17).
 - God sent His WORD and healed them when they cried out to Him (Psalm 107:19-20). His WORD is Jesus.
- III. In the early days, Brother Copeland had the flu.
 - He had his Bible open to 1 Peter 2:24. He said, "LORD, I choose to believe Your WORD. By Your stripes, I was healed 2,000 years ago. By faith, I receive it into my body; I'm healed from head to feet."



- He prayed in the spirit and began to feel better. The next day, the symptoms were gone.
 - Every disease has to bow its name to The WORD and covenant of God.
 - The Holy Bible is God's WORD. It contains the blood covenants.
 - God sent his blood-backed WORD, and it healed them (Exodus 15:26).
 - We have God's prayer armor, and we should pray in the spirit always (Ephesians 6:13-18).
 - When you pray in tongues, you give thanks well (1 Corinthians 14:17).
 - At every meal, Gloria and I thank God for the food that He has sanctified (1 Timothy 4:4-5).
- IV. We thank God for our Partners all over the world.
- We are thankful for THE BLESSING of The LORD on this nation.
 - Walk in Love. It is the Love gate. Jesus called it the strait gate and narrow way (Matthew 7:13-14)
 - Imitate God who is Love (1 John 4:8).
 - The Love of God is demonstrated by Gloria's love for Kenneth. They are still so much in love. She taught him to love and to be thankful. Her love changed him.
 - Whatever is in your heart in abundance is going to come out.
 - "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45).

MAKE IT PERSONAL

You can measure a person's level of thanksgiving by the words that they speak. Listen to yourself. Make sure your words are filled with thanksgiving. We are not thankful for evil or trouble. We are thankful that our heavenly Father has made a way for us to escape trouble. Our words have the same power Jesus had when He spoke, if we speak in faith based on God's WORD.

Think of a time you needed help. Write what you could have said to call on God to deliver you based on His WORD.



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DAY 5 – LET THANKSGIVING BE IN YOUR HEART

Let thanksgiving be in your heart and in your words. Our God is a good God who is worthy of our praise and thanksgiving. Brother Copeland thinks about praising and thanking God all the time.

STUDY IT

- I. Let thanksgiving be in your heart and in your words.
 - “By him [Jesus, the same yesterday, today and for ever] therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name” (Hebrews 13:15, 8).
 - We are thankful not just *for* the Name but also *to* the Name of Jesus.
 - “For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our LORD Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named” (Ephesians 3:14-15).
 - We are named after the Father because Jesus inherited His Name from the Father, and we are joint heirs with Jesus.
 - Jesus said we would do even greater works (John 14:12).
 - Think about the exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us works (Ephesians 3:20).
 - As a boy, Brother Copeland was home with the flu. He couldn't move. He couldn't bend over. His mother knew those were symptoms of polio.
 - She knew how to pray. She started praying, laying hands on him. She didn't let go or stop praying until he could move. He was healed.
 - Thank God a vaccine was developed to stop polio.
- II. Our God is a good God who is worthy of our praise and thanksgiving.
 - “Rejoice in The LORD always [delight, gladden yourselves in Him]; again I say, Rejoice! Let all men know and perceive and recognize your unselfishness (your considerateness, your forbearing spirit). The LORD is near [He is coming soon]. Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God” (Philippians 4:4-6, *AMPC*).



- Do not worry, but in every circumstance the Holy Spirit will show you the power of thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6).
 - No matter what they have diagnosed for your body, God's peace will "garrison and mount guard" over your heart and mind (Philippians 4:7, *AMPC*).
 - Think about whatever is right, true, just, pure, lovely, kind, virtuous, excellent and worthy of praise (Philippians 4:8).
 - Whatever you think about most of the time, you will eventually become.
 - When Brother Copeland was about 8 or 9 years old, Mr. Wooten gave him and his dad a ride in his airplane.
 - Walking away from the airplane, he said to his dad, "I'm going to fly airplanes."
 - It was what he thought about the most. He drew airplanes all over his book covers. He dreamed about airplanes—and he wanted a motorcycle.
 - He realized many years later that his flying was a calling to introduce ministries to the convenience of airplanes. He started as a co-pilot in Oral Roberts' airplane.
- III. Now, Brother Copeland thinks about praising and thanking God all the time. It was embedded in him from Oral Roberts and Kenneth E Hagin.
- Kenneth Hagin said, "If you praise long enough, the spirit of worship will come, then the glory will fall, and in the glory comes the miracles and outstanding activity of God."
 - Let thanksgiving be in your heart and mouth all the time. At all times, rejoice and give thanks.

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