



GIVE THANKS UNTO GOD

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DAY 1 – BE THANKFUL AND ACKNOWLEDGE GOD

The United States has a Thanksgiving holiday. Words are spiritual containers. If a person doesn't seek God and doesn't pay attention to Him, he is proud. First words and first actions count.

STUDY IT

- I. The United States has a Thanksgiving holiday.
 - Giving thanks is what we are supposed to be doing this day and every day.
 - Part of THE BLESSING of Abraham was to serve God with joyfulness and gladness of heart for the abundance of all things (Deuteronomy 28:47).
 - The United States has been abundantly BLESSED by God.
- II. Words are spiritual containers. They were not originally just for communication.
 - The first record of words was when God spoke, "Light, be" (Genesis 1:3).
 - The sun was created on Day 4; on Day 1, God was talking about light energy.
 - Scientists measure in light-years.
 - The universe expanded 16 billion miles in the first 24-hours, and it's still expanding.
 - Faith is the name of the spiritual force with which God created this universe.
 - "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).
 - That same creative, powerful Spirit of God is living inside of you, if Jesus Christ of Nazareth is your LORD and Savior. He can handle your needs.
- III. If a person doesn't seek God and doesn't pay attention to Him, he is proud.
 - God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6).
 - Jesus asked, "Do My words offend you? My words are spirit and they are life" (John 6:61, 63).
 - Jesus said He was the door. The devil, the thief, comes to steal, kill and destroy; Jesus comes to give abundant life (John 10:9-10).
 - Jesus' words contain life and abundant living.



- Jesus speaks to the spirit of a man, not to his mind or his flesh.

IV. First words and first actions count. They set the course.

- The first act of the first president and first Congress was to dedicate the United States to God. "You'll be our God and we'll be Your people." God doesn't forget a covenant.
- The devil is trying to kill this nation with leadership and ideology that does not acknowledge God. That has been the downfall of other nations.
 - "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind [a mind void of judgement], to do those things which are not convenient" (Romans 1:28).
- "When they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful" (Romans 1:21).
 - Refusing to acknowledge God and refusing to be thankful to God is what begins the slide away from God.
 - That's foolishness. God is everywhere. You can't escape Him (Psalm 139).
- The way back to God is to be thankful and acknowledge Him as God.
- God, according to that first covenant with Congress, got us through the Civil War, WW I and II, the Korean War and the Vietnam conflict.
- We're still here, prayer still changes things, God is still on the throne, and Jesus is still LORD.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

During the Thanksgiving season and, in fact, all the time, continually stay thankful to God for who He is and what He has done. Stay thankful in faith for what He is going to do.

Write down a list of things for which you are thankful. Share it at your Thanksgiving celebration, and maybe add to it as others get involved.



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DAY 2 – DON'T ASSUME TO JUDGE ANYONE

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STUDY IT

- I. Our guest: Professor Greg Stephens, instructor at Kenneth Copeland Bible College®. He has a certificate declaring him to be a Hebrew scholar, and his knowledge makes him an important addition to this ministry.
- II. It takes thanksgiving to God to build a successful life and ministry.
 - “Let him that 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).
 - It doesn't say anything about labor to make a living.
 - A believer who is looking for a job or who has a good job, should do an attitude adjustment about why he is working.
 - Work so that you may have to give to those who are in need. In that way, fully expect that God will prosper you beyond what you need to live.
 - In the early days of this ministry, The LORD said to Brother Copeland, *You're praying about your needs being met according to My riches in glory. Look up. What about the needs of others? If you'll put their needs first, then abundance will come and all your needs will be swallowed up in that abundance.*
 - Kenneth and Gloria had been praying, believing and speaking: “My God shall meet all of your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).
 - They needed everything. They were just getting by, but they were full of faith and love for God.
 - When The LORD brought that scripture in their lives (Ephesians 4:28), they looked up and brought the needs of others into their prayers.
 - Their personal income jumped. This is how they got out of debt.



- III. Don't assume to judge anyone.
- Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman.
 - We have assumed she was a woman of loose morals, a woman of ill repute, because she had been married several times and was living with a man who was not her husband (John 4:18).
 - We may have unfairly judged her as an immoral woman. That could be a wrong assumption.
 - Perhaps her husbands had died, or maybe her husbands were unfaithful.
- IV. Samaria is between Israel and Judah.
- The Northern Kingdom was called Israel; the Southern Kingdom was called Judah.
 - The Samaritans were originally Jews, but their ancestors had disobeyed the Mosaic Law by intermarrying with other nations, cultures and religions during Israel's captivity.
 - The Jews had nothing to do with the Samaritans.
 - When traveling from one Jewish nation to the other, they would go *around* Samaria.
 - Jesus left the south, going north, and went *through* Samaria.
 - Jacob's well was there and Jesus sat there to rest. It was about noon.
- V. Jesus only did what the Father told Him to do.
- Jesus asked the woman for a drink; then He offered her living water (John 4:7, 14).
 - She said Jesus must be a prophet because He told her about her husbands (John 4:18-19).
 - She asked Jesus where was the right place to worship.
 - The Samaritans worshipped at Mount Gerizim in Samaria; the Jews required their people to worship God at Mount Zion in Jerusalem (John 4:20).
 - Jesus identified Himself to her as the Messiah: "I that speak unto thee am he" (John 4:26).

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Jesus told us to go and preach the gospel throughout the world. Don't assume a person will not receive what you have to say about Jesus. That may be the very one you are to speak to so they can get saved. Witness to everyone: the young, the old, the rich, the poor, the happy, the sad, the friendly, the angry and the lonely. All people need to be born again.



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DAY 3 – WHO WAS THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

Don't assume anything. Look at the facts. Jesus had a compassionate attitude toward the woman at the well in Samaria. We may have bypassed people who needed the gospel of Jesus Christ because we made incorrect assumptions about them. The account of the Samaritan who was healed of leprosy is full of revelation.

STUDY IT

- I. Don't assume anything. Look at the facts.
 - Jesus said, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:20).
 - When we hear people talk, don't judge them. Pray for them.
 - The same devil who has tried to destroy Israel all these years is trying to stop and divide the United States.
 - As people of prayer, we cannot allow that.
- II. Jesus had a compassionate attitude toward the woman at the well in Samaria.
 - Jesus told her that He was the Messiah, and He called her to preach.
 - This account is filled with things that were unusual (John 4:1-42).
 - Jesus was going *through* Samaria instead of *around* it (John 4:4).
 - Jesus exposed the woman's life of failed marriages (John 4:17-18).
 - Jesus was saying, "I know all the pain you have endured."
 - We must not assume she was a woman of low morals.
 - There are other possibilities: She could have been barren, and was divorced several times because she could not have children.
 - She could have been living with her brother or uncle rather than a lover.
 - Either way, her past did not stop Jesus from calling her to preach. She obeyed the call (John 4:28-29).
 - Many Samaritans believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony. Others believed because of Jesus' words (John 4:41-42).
 - This woman started a revival.
 - The disciples saw Jesus talking with the Samaritan woman, but they didn't question or rebuke Him (John 4:27). That shows how much they honored Jesus.



- Jesus said Samaria was a field that needed to be harvested.
 - Jerusalem, Judah, Samaria—those were the fields the disciples were to harvest (John 4:35).
- III. We may have bypassed people who needed the gospel of Jesus Christ because we made incorrect assumptions about them.
 - Jesus healed 10 lepers (Luke 17:12-19).
 - He told them to go show themselves to the priest to prove they were healed and ready to be received back into society.
 - One, a Samaritan, came back to Jesus to give thanks (Luke 17:15-16).
 - The Samaritan could not go to Jerusalem and show himself to the priest. He was not allowed into the holy Temple of the Jews.
 - The Samaritan went to the new covenant High Priest, Jesus.
 - The men with leprosy were healed when Jesus said they were cleansed. He spoke faith. He fully expected every one of them to be cleansed immediately.
 - He believed it and said it with His mouth just like He preached in Mark 11:22-24.
 - The key word is *mercy*, the Hebrew word *chesed*.
 - They said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us” (Luke 17:13). Jesus could not turn them down.
- IV. The account of the Samaritan who was healed of leprosy is full of revelation.
 - The Samaritan knew he was not allowed in the Temple, but he took off with the others toward Jerusalem.
 - Then he turned around to Jesus and gave glory to God for his healing.
 - Jesus said to the Samaritan, “Your faith has made you whole.” That’s different from being healed.
 - The Samaritan took Jesus at His WORD.
 - It could have been that when he came back healed, he was still missing body parts.
 - Jesus made him whole physically and financially.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Jesus healed Samaritans as well as Jews. He offers salvation, healing and deliverance to all people who call upon His Name.

Be thankful that no matter your situation or need, Jesus will help you and make it right.



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DAY 4 – HAVING A HEART OF THANKSGIVING

A day of thanksgiving in the United States was declared by President George Washington. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. Give praise and thanksgiving to God, and mean it when you say, "Praise The LORD." Be thankful to God for He is good and His mercy lasts forever. All the Jewish feasts are connected to harvests and food.

STUDY IT

- I. A day of thanksgiving in the United States was declared by President George Washington to be observed Nov. 26, 1789.
 - On Oct. 6, 1941, Congress declared a national holiday to be observed on the fourth Thursday of each November.
 - Two months later, in December 1941, the United States entered WWII.
 - At that time, our national leaders had thanksgiving toward God on their hearts.
- II. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).
 - "By him [Jesus Christ] 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).
 - The "Praise Cure" is a good way to get healed. Praise God until your healing has manifested.
- III. Give praise and thanksgiving to God, and mean it when you say, "Praise The LORD."
 - God gave us the decision: Choose life and BLESSING (Deuteronomy 30:19).
 - Curses will overtake those who do not serve The LORD with joyfulness and gladness of heart for the abundance of all things (Deuteronomy 28:45-47).
 - The United States is BLESSED, and to avoid the curse, we must be joyful and thankful for God's abundance.
 - "Let the redeemed of The LORD say so" (Psalm 107:2).
 - Brother Copeland didn't want to do a daily television broadcast. He was tired. The LORD said, *The nation and the Body of Christ need it.*



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- One of the prosperity scriptures Brother Copeland was using at that time was the promise that if you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good of the land (Isaiah 1:19).
 - The LORD told him that he didn't qualify for that promise because even though he was obedient to do daily television, he wasn't willing.
 - Brother Copeland determined to change. He chose to love daily television.
- IV. We are to be thankful to God, for He is good and His mercy lasts forever.
- Be thankful for your bread and water because an angel of God is sent to BLESS it. God Himself will take sickness away from you (Exodus 23:25).
 - Witness everywhere you go. Say, "Come to church with me. You know, Jesus is coming. It may be today."
 - When Kenneth and Gloria are at a restaurant, they involve the waiter and waitress in the prayer of thanksgiving for the food.
 - One waiter really enjoyed talking about The LORD with Brother Copeland.
 - He developed cancer and died. The responsibility of taking care of his little girl fell to his mother.
 - Kenneth Copeland Ministries paid the home-going expenses, paid off his truck, and took care of the mother and daughter until things could get settled for her.
- V. All the Jewish feasts are connected to harvests and food.
- The first instructions for preparing a thanksgiving sacrifice included unleavened loaves mixed with oil, unleavened wafers smeared with oil, and loaves of fine flour (Leviticus 7:12).
 - A Hebrew word for *thanks* is *todah* with the connotation of "the presence of God; looking in His face; getting in the presence of The LORD."
 - Invite the presence of The LORD to your Thanksgiving celebration.

MAKE IT PERSONAL.

Let's pray together:

"Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise. Your desire is to BLESS us and bring us to a place of abundance—spiritually and physically. Help us, LORD, to hear Your voice and follow You in all our ways. We desire to obey You and to be thankful as we see Your hand guiding and protecting us. Thank You, Sir. In Jesus' Name. Amen."





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DAY 5 – PSALM 91—LIVING IN DIVINE PROTECTION

We are BLESSED people to have this covenant book—God's WORD. There is no place higher than the Most High. When there are multiple problems, shootings, violence—a door for the devil to come in has been opened somewhere, and we need to close it. Our words affect our lives. God had the authority to make Abraham the father of many nations.

STUDY IT

- I. We are BLESSED people to have this covenant book—God's WORD.
 - God appeared to Abram and said, "I am Almighty God" (Genesis 17:1).
 - God told Abram, "I am *El Shaddai*. I am the God who is more than enough. I will be everything to you as a nation. I will be a Father to you; I will be a nurse to you; I will take care of you; I will heal you; I enter into this covenant with you today. Your name will no longer be Abram, it will be Abraham."
 - They entered together into a covenant of circumcision.
- II. There is no place higher than the Most High (Psalm 91:1).
 - Abide under the shadow of *El Shaddai*—He is more than enough.
 - Psalm 91 has become known as the "The Soldier's Psalm."
 - Soldiers have believed and called on Psalm 91 and have come out of battle with no casualties.
 - Teach your children this psalm. They can dwell in the shadow of the God who is more than enough.
- III. When there are multiple problems, shootings, violence, a door for the devil to come in has been opened somewhere, and we need to close it.
 - The same Supreme Court that voted to legalize abortion allowed one atheist woman to take Bible reading and prayer out of the public schools.
 - We need to close that door. We need to allow God's WORD and prayer back into the schools. The Bible should be revered.
 - We are coming back under the shadow of the Almighty.
 - "With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation" (Psalm 91:16).
 - "In the shadow of *El Shaddai*..." We live there. *El Shaddai* is my Father.



- IV. Our words affect our lives.
- “I will say of The LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust” (Psalm 91:2).
 - “I will say.” We must believe and speak God’s WORD.
 - The Hebrew word for *trust* can be translated in English *faith*. God must be the Source of my faith.
 - God introduced Himself to men in the Old Testament.
 - Abraham was introduced to *El Shaddai*.
 - Moses was introduced to God as *I Am*.
 - The Hebrew meaning of *I Am* is “I will be whatever I need to be for you. If you need a pillar, a cloud, water from a rock, manna from heaven—I will be whatever you need Me to be.”
 - God’s Name *I AM* is an extension of *El Shaddai*.
- V. God had the authority to make Abraham the father of many nations.
- Abraham had to receive God’s covenant promise by faith and call himself *Abraham*, which meant “the father of many nations.”
 - God made a covenant with a man, Abraham, and his family. The family, through time, grew to be a nation—Israel.
 - Then inside the nation, the covenant went back to a family, back to David.
 - We are part of that BLESSED family through Jesus Christ.
 - Robert Scott, who wrote *God Is My Co-Pilot*, was promoted from the rank of major to colonel by a general.
 - The general needed someone with full command to set into that office.
 - God needed someone in full command to develop a nation for Him.
 - God made Abraham the father of many nations and spoke THE BLESSING of The LORD over him.
 - The first sound a human ear ever heard was THE BLESSING.
 - It came down through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to Jesus.
 - As Jesus left this earth, He BLESSED them, and we are also THE BLESSED ones.

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APPENDIX

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The word from The LORD given by Kenneth Copeland:

“This nation, as other nations of the world, is under attack. The people of the nations do not understand Ephesians, Chapter 6. We do. We’re told: Put on the full armor of God, for we wrestle not with flesh and blood but with principalities, powers and rulers of the darkness of this world and wicked spirits of the heavenlies. That’s why Jesus said there will always be wars and rumors of wars.

“That’s not God’s plan. That’s the devil’s plan. He is a killer. He is a thief. Jesus said he came to steal, to kill and to destroy. I have come that they might have life and have it more abundantly. We’ve been seeing wars and rumors of wars all of these years.”