

DEVELOP AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

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AIR DATES: NOVEMBER 20-24, 2023

DAY 1 – DEVELOP AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Gratitude to God should be your constant position. The backstory of the purchase of the first airplane demonstrates the power of gratitude. Be grateful for everything that's in God's WORD. Deception is rooted in not being thankful.

STUDY IT

- I. Gratitude to God should be your constant position. This is Thanksgiving week.
 - A person without God refuses to be thankful (Romans 1:20-21).
 - Some people know God, but they don't want Him in their lives.
 - "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).
 - Some people have twisted that out of context. We are not to give thanks *for* everything; we are to give thanks *in* everything, expecting God's help.
 - Develop an attitude of gratitude. Stay in thanksgiving to God all the time. Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks (Matthew 12:34).

- II. The backstory of the purchase of the first airplane demonstrates the power of gratitude.
 - Brother Copeland had an appointment to go look at an airplane.
 - The night before, he accidentally kicked a large ottoman and heard his toe break. He was in a lot of pain, but he refused to look at his foot.
 - Brother Copeland's first words were, "Thank You, Jesus, I am healed, and I want to praise You and thank You for it." That attitude of thanksgiving was in him in abundance.
 - He went on to the airport, limping. The receptionist asked what was wrong. He told her he had broken his toe, but he immediately began to give God thanks for healing him.
 - Brother Copeland went into Mr. Spinks' office and talked about the Skylane airplane that was for sale.
 - He wanted to look at the plane for the purpose of buying it for the ministry.
 - The airplane was in pristine condition with low flying time recorded.
 - The LORD said, *I've set this airplane aside for you.* He knew he was to buy it.



- Brother Copeland drove back to the office. When he stepped out of his car, the pain was gone from his toe.
 - Because he didn't look at his toe before it was healed, the image of his black and blue, swollen and damaged toe was not in his mind.
 - He would have had to overcome the image of a damaged toe as well as the pain.
 - Brother Copeland declared: "I'm not moved by what I feel" (I didn't feel good at all) "or what I see."
 - There is a contradiction. "I'm not healed. Yes, I am. I was healed over 2,000 years ago; and I'm very grateful for it."
- III. Be grateful for everything that's in God's WORD. The Bible is a book of gratitude.
- Bartimaeus began to cry out, "Son of David! Have mercy (*chesed*) on me."
 - *Chesed* is a covenant word, sometimes translated as *mercy* or *lovingkindness*. It actually means "the lesser being BLESSED by the greater."
 - When we enter into Covenant with God, He raises us up to be equal with His Son, Jesus.
- IV. Deception is rooted in not being thankful.
- Paul described our society. The people were not thankful, became fools, and changed truth to a lie. They worshipped the creature rather than the Creator (Romans 1:21-25).
 - In everything give thanks. Brother Copeland didn't thank God that he broke his toe. But the first thing out of his mouth was gratitude for healing.
 - Professor Stephens spent a year in the Arabian Peninsula with the military. He knew God's WORD and the gospel, but wasn't living it.
 - Looking back, he saw there was no grace, no *chesed*, no mercy.
 - That's the reason the borders of the United States are full of people—they are looking for a place of peace and mercy.
 - There are things that need to be talked about so our children cannot be deceived.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

The attitude of gratitude begins in your spirit, moves to your mind, and must come out in your words. Write down words you can speak to express your gratitude to God.





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DAY 2 – BE THANKFUL ALL THE TIME

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- I. Cultivate an attitude of gratitude. Be thankful to God all the time.
 - The No. 1 thing you can be thankful for is that you are not going to hell when you leave your body. You know Jesus Christ as your LORD and Savior.
 - The greatest miracle is that a person becomes a new creature in Christ—a new species that never existed before (2 Corinthians 5:17).
 - Every night, Brother Copeland says, “I love The LORD my God with all my heart, soul, mind and strength; and I love my neighbor as myself.”

- II. Jesus was going through Samaria and Galilee (Luke 17:11-19).
 - Ten men who had leprosy cried out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy (*chesed*) on us.”
 - Jesus had to respond to that request for *chesed*.
 - Jesus spoke the word of healing. He said, “Go show yourselves to the priest.”
 - The healing of the 10 was a test of faith. They had to go show themselves to the priest by faith.
 - The priest was obligated to ask how they got their healing. It was Jesus who healed them.
 - One, who saw he was healed, came back and fell on his face in thanksgiving. He was a Samaritan.
 - The Samaritan couldn't go to Jerusalem to see the priest, so he went back to the source (Jesus) and offered a thanksgiving offering.
 - Jesus didn't touch the 10 lepers to heal them; He spoke.
 - Having faith doesn't always produce godly humility or even gratitude.
 - Jesus said, “Were there not 10 cleansed? Where are the nine?”
 - The Jewish group of lepers should have known to be thankful.
 - In the gospels, those who were the most appreciative consistently received a miracle. Often, they were not Jews.





- The Jews were instructed to bring a thanksgiving offering when something spectacular happened to them.
 - There are four occasions to bring a thanksgiving offering: crossing the sea, crossing the desert, recovering from serious illness, and release from captivity.

III. Praise and thanksgiving are tied together.

- Thanksgiving, giving thanks, is the big gun of faith.
- We enter into God's presence in prayer; He inhabits the praise of His people. When we begin to praise, He enters into our presence.
- In Bogotá, Colombia there was a church with a small congregation.
 - The LORD told the pastor, *If you will give Me the first part of your day, I'll grow your church.*
 - The pastor led the church to praise God until they entered into His presence, and the miracles began.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Jesus responds when we acknowledge Him as our LORD. Praise Him! Worship Him!

Write down a praise from your heart to Him and a scripture of thanksgiving (hint: Psalm 100:4).



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DAY 3 – BE THANKFUL AND GIVE GOD PRAISE

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- I. Keep studying the covenants of the Bible.
 - CBN (Christian Broadcasting Network) prepared a DVD on the history of the Old Testament. They said, “This is a series of covenants;” and it really brought out the covenant aspect. It would be good to order it from CNN and watch it several times.
 - When believing God for something specific, Brother Copeland reminds God of His Covenant promises. “Put Me in remembrance” (Isaiah 43:26).
- II. George Washington, our first president, turned to Genesis 17 and made covenant with God for the United States of America.
 - This covenant was to dedicate this nation and all of its future to the Most High God.
 - Even the Liberty Bell has a quote from the Bible engraved on it.
 - Washington pushed for the Declaration of Independence to include the truth that “all men are created equal.” Yes, he had slaves. He treated them as employees and paid them a working wage.
 - Some people had indentured slaves who worked for their passage to America.
- III. Pastor Ricardo at The Fire Church in Bogotá, Colombia, often invites Brother Copeland to preach.
 - Now they are building a 30,000-seat church.
 - As they praise, the glory begins to fall and miracles happen.
 - One miracle testimony is of a policeman, a member of the church. He was shot in the head, but God raised him up.



- During praise and worship at a service, the bullet worked its way out of his body. He handed the bullet to the pastor.
 - They praise and worship for an hour. During that time, miracles happen. Then, the pastor gives an invitation. After that, the pastor preaches.
 - Preparations are being made for the pastor and his wife to preach large meetings in Cuba, Venezuela and Peru.
 - God's WORD is always the answer.
- IV. Samson used his supernatural strength to kill a lion with his bare hands (Judges 14:6).
- Samson was actually just an ordinary man. The Spirit of God would come on him and give him supernatural strength.
 - David knew about Samson. He used the same power of the Spirit of God to protect the sheep. With that strength, David killed a lion and a bear (1 Samuel 17:34-35). He stood on the covenant.
 - He used the same faith in God's covenant to kill Goliath. David said, "I come at you in the Name of The LORD of Hosts"—that's Jesus. Angels were involved in that victory (1 Samuel 17:45).
 - David continued to live by God's covenant even after he became king of Israel.
- V. Brother Copeland met Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke.
- Brother Bonnke was a quiet man, but when the Anointing came on him, he spoke with boldness by the Spirit of God. His heart was for Africa to be saved.
 - Brother Copeland prophesied to him: "There's coming a day when you will have 1 million people in one meeting answer the invitation call to salvation."
 - That came to pass in the year 2000 in Lagos, Nigeria. Bonnke's ministry, Christ for All Nations, had 250,000 volunteer assistants to help the people receive Jesus.
 - Kenneth Copeland Ministries built a sound system with which the speaker could be heard preaching the gospel message for five miles.
 - Nations are being changed by the preaching of the gospel.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Be assured you are in Covenant with Almighty God. Be thankful that He has brought you into His family. Ask what you will and it shall be done for you because of Covenant.

Read John 16:23-24.





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DAY 4 – A COVENANT OF THANKSGIVING

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STUDY IT

- I. Praise until you receive your miracle.
 - Kenneth E. Hagin called it the “Praise Cure.” You praise and worship until the devil and his sickness and disease cannot stay.
 - Brother Copeland saw that happen twice in Bogotá, Colombia.

- II. The fruit of the spirit produces holiness.
 - “For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness” (1 Thessalonians 4:7).
 - There are nine fruit of the spirit and nine gifts of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 12:8-10). Without the fruit of the spirit, you’re not going to work in the gifts of the Spirit.

- III. Jesus is coming back soon.
 - “But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope” (1 Thessalonians 4:13).
 - Sorrow is the same as grief.
 - “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18).
 - Comfort and exhort each other. Talk about the return of Jesus all the time.

- IV. There were three covenants made on behalf of this nation.
 - The first Covenant was made in 1607 when the Rev. Robert Hunt planted a cross in Virginia.





- He dedicated this land and those who were with him to reach the indigenous people with the gospel of Jesus Christ, raise up godly generations, and take the kingdom of God to all the world.
- Pat Robertson and CBN, 400 years later, built another cross and placed it in the same location. They rededicated this land and people to The LORD.
- The second covenant was the Mayflower Compact (Covenant) made Nov. 21, 1620, by the Puritans while they were still on board the ship.
 - God was already moving on the settlers' behalf before they set sail.
 - An American Indian, Squanto, was taken to Europe as a slave and learned the English language.
 - When Squanto returned to America, he prevented other Indians from going to war with the Pilgrims. He organized peace, and he taught the colonists how to survive in this new land.
- The third covenant was the George Washington covenant
 - With his hand on the Bible open to Genesis 17, on April 30, 1789, Washington took the oath of office of president.
 - He made a vow to lead our nation and honor the God of Israel and His covenant. Both George Washington and Ronald Reagan did this.
 - Then Washington called Congress to join him, walked to St. Paul's Chapel and prayed together.
 - During the 9/11 attack, that building survived.
- Be established in the truth that America was founded on God's WORD (2 Peter 1:12).
- Remind God of His everlasting Covenant. Be thankful!

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As you gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving season, prepare a prayer you can all pray together exalting The LORD, and telling Him how thankful you are for His goodness and mercy.

Write down your prayer here.



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DAY 5 – GOD'S MERCY ENDURES FOREVER

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STUDY IT

- I. The people in the Bible were covenant people.
 - The covenant began with Abram.
 - The whole idea of punishment for breaking a law was, “Don’t kill a person, kill an animal.” God doesn’t want to kill anyone. He is Love.
 - When Cain killed Abel, it was not against the law—there was no law. As his punishment, he was banished. He added to his own curse (Genesis 4:8, 14).
 - A law is created when people enter into covenants on certain agreements and that becomes law.
 - To break that law is death; that’s the punishment. Or, they could kill an animal substitute instead of the man.
 - One day, *the Man*, Jesus, the Son of God, was killed on a cross; and the Law was satisfied forever.
 - Jesus fulfilled all the Law and the prophets. Love was the key to it all.

- II. Jehoshaphat was king of Judea. He had a national problem. Nations were coming against him to battle—a great multitude (2 Chronicles 20:1-30).
 - Jehoshaphat proclaimed a fast. He asked help from The LORD.
 - The king and the people gathered in the Temple. When Jehoshaphat prayed, he based his prayer on covenant.
 - He couldn’t say, “In the Name of Jesus.” Jesus had not come yet.
 - That’s what we do, we use the Name of Jesus.
 - The king reminded The LORD of past help from Him.
 - A priest spoke the word of The LORD. “Don’t be afraid; the battle is not yours but God’s. Go to a certain place and meet the enemy. You will not have to fight. The LORD will be with you.”
 - When they heard this, they worshipped The LORD and loudly praised Him.
 - Believe the word of The LORD from the prophet (2 Chronicles 20:20).



- The people decided to put the singers and praisers in front of the army.
 - They sang, "Praise The LORD, for His *chesed* endures forever."
 - *Chesed* is greater than mercy.
 - You cannot be in covenant with anyone greater than God.
 - When they got to the battle, the armies had turned against themselves and killed each other. They were all dead.
 - God's people got *chesed* from The LORD and no one was hurt. The other people were confused and killed one another.
 - The fear of The LORD was on all other nations. God gave Judah rest (2 Chronicles 20:29).
- III. *Mercy, lovingkindness and goodness* are English words used to translate *chesed*.
- David said, "Surely goodness and *chesed* shall follow me, and I will dwell in the house of The LORD forever" (Psalm 23:6).
 - A woman from Canaan said, "Have mercy on me, O LORD, Son of David" (Matthew 15:22). She had no covenant. She was not an Israelite.
 - She kept asking for help. Jesus reminded her that she did not have a Covenant with God. She said, "Yes, but the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from the table."
 - He couldn't turn faith down coming from anyone—Jew or gentile. He couldn't turn her down, because she came by faith.
 - Bartimaeus said, "Jesus, Son of David, have *chesed* (mercy) on me" (Mark 10:47).
 - Jesus could not turn away the call of faith; the call to the Son of David, that is, the Messiah.
 - God is a good God, and His *chesed* endures forever!

MAKE IT PERSONAL

God's *chesed*, mercy, is available to you at all times. Be thankful to Him for BLESSING you! We are interested in your success. Please contact us by [clicking here](#), or on [Facebook™](#).

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