

## **In All Things Give Thanks, 11-02-14**

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“Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in every situation because this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

-1 Thess. 5:16-18, Common English Bible

### **Three Thanksgiving Promises:**

#### **1. Thanksgiving Honors God**

**Praise and Thanksgiving go together!**

#### **OT Patterns of prayer**

“Come, let us sing to the LORD!

Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come to him with thanksgiving.

Let us sing psalms of praise to him.

For the LORD is a great God,

a great King above all gods.” Ps. 95:1-3

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.” Psalm 100

““Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’

-Jer. 33:3, NIV

“When he calls to me, I will answer him;”

-Ps. 91:15, ESV

#### **A good way to pray: ACTS**

- Adoration

- Confession
- Thanksgiving
- Supplication

## 2. Thanksgiving Reminds Me of what matters most

### My Relationship with God

“I will praise You with my whole heart;  
 Before the gods I will sing praises to You.  
 I will worship toward Your holy temple,  
 And praise Your name  
 For Your loving kindness and Your truth;  
 For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.  
 In the day when I cried out, You answered me,  
*And made me bold with strength in my soul.* You will stretch out Your hand,  
 Against the wrath of my enemies,  
 And Your right hand will save me.” Psalm 138:1-3, 7 NKJV

## 2. Thanksgiving lets God Show Up.

“Make thankfulness your sacrifice to God,  
 and keep the vows you made to the Most High.  
 Then call on me when you are in trouble,  
 and I will rescue you...” -Ps. 50:14-15, NKJV

### “Woe is me...”

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” -Phil. 4:6-7, NIV

**Find God’s place in your life this week by including thanksgiving in your prayers!**