

## BE YE THANKFUL

### How You Receive Affects What Else You Receive

#### I. Thanksgiving affects what you receive from God

- A. How you receive affects what else you receive-Lk17:12-As he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: <sup>13</sup> And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. <sup>14</sup> And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, <sup>16</sup> And fell down on his face at his feet, **GIVING HIM THANKS:** and he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. <sup>19</sup> And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith **HATH MADE THEE WHOLE.**
- B. Thanksgiving is a demonstration that you value what you received-He demonstrated that he valued what God had done for Him (more than they did)
1. A lack of thanksgiving for it reveals a lack of value (appreciation) for it
- C. God will not give you more of what you don't value-Mt7:6-Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, nether cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you
1. If you don't value the measure of His goodness you're enjoying He won't give you more-When you value His goodness you're thankful for any measure
  2. You can actually trample on the goodness of God-Act like it's owed, never acknowledge it (EX-Brother Copeland's back hurting)
- D. Take heed how you receive-Mk4:24-Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given-**AC**-The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you; **Lk8:18**-Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seem to have.
1. By valuing it/being thankful for it you position yourself to receive more-If God does something good in your life and you show no appreciation for and don't value it, you cut yourself off from receiving more because of how you received it to begin with (EX: Keith-Received Faith messages)

#### II. Being thankful what God has done positions you to release faith for more-Dt26:1-15-

It shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein; <sup>2</sup> That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the Lord thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the Lord thy God shall choose to place his name there. <sup>3</sup> And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the Lord thy God, that I am come unto the country which the Lord sware unto our fathers for to give us. <sup>4</sup> And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the Lord thy God. <sup>5</sup> And thou shalt speak and say before the Lord thy God, A Syrian ready to perish was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous: <sup>6</sup> And the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage: <sup>7</sup> And when we cried unto the Lord God of our fathers, the Lord heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression: <sup>8</sup> And the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders: <sup>9</sup> And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O Lord, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the Lord thy God, and worship before the Lord thy God: <sup>11</sup> And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you. <sup>15</sup> Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.