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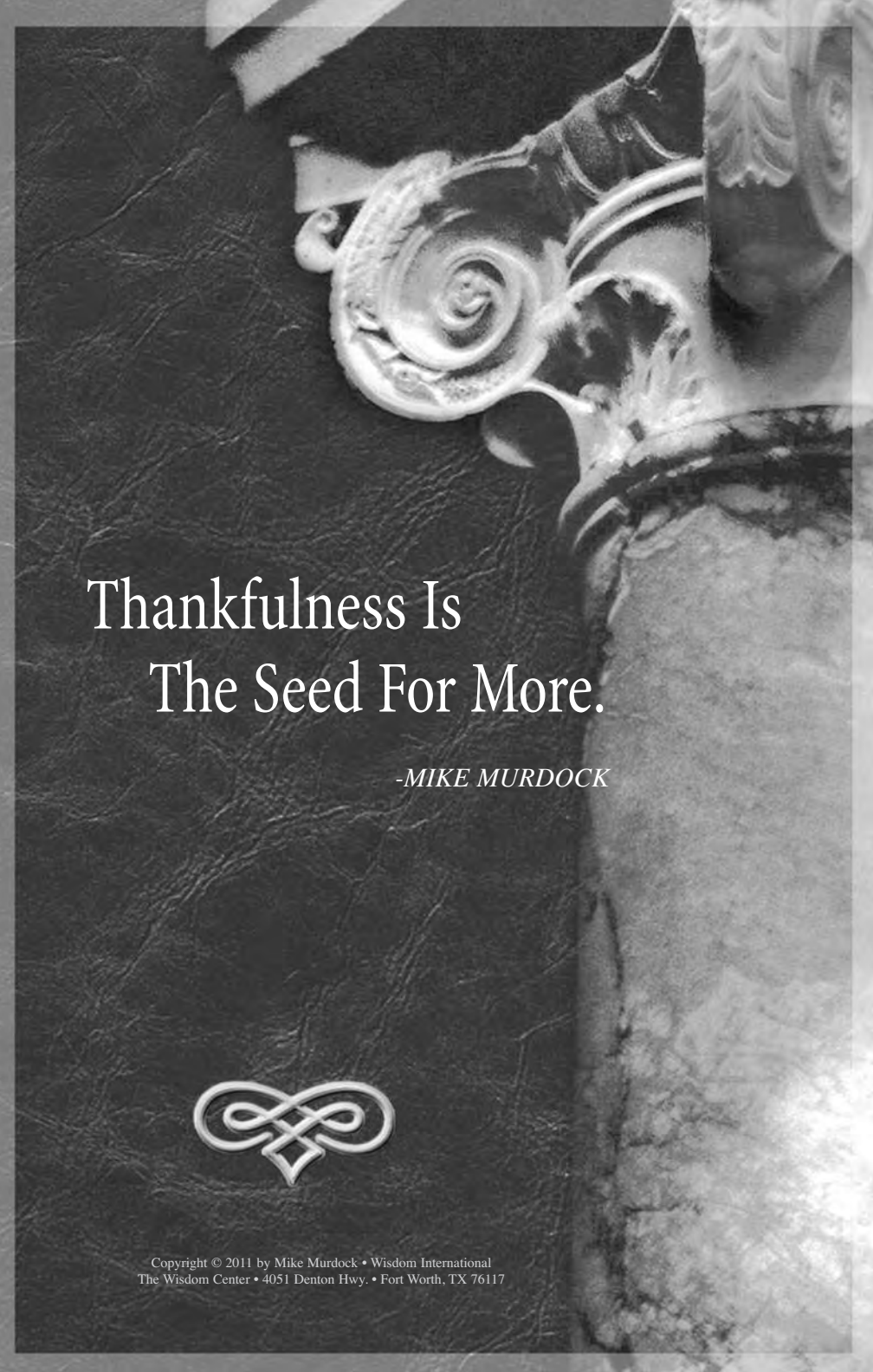
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1

THE POWER OF HABITUAL THANKFULNESS

Thankfulness Is Not An Option, It Is A Command.

"Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High," (Psalm 50:14).

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name," (Psalm 100:4).

"Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms," (Psalm 95:2).

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all Wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him," (Colossians 3:15-17).

Thankfulness simply means, "showing appreciation of someone or something; to be grateful." Webster's Dictionary defines Gratitude—n., thanks, Thankfulness, appreciation, indebtedness; adj., to be beholding, indebted, in one's debt.

"Thanks," "thanksgiving" and "thankful" are used 137 times in The Bible. If the ingredients of gratitude

were counted, it would include praise, joy, rejoicing, etc. If all these were counted, the number of times "gratitude" appears in its many forms would be staggering.

17 Facts About Thankfulness

1. Thankfulness Is More Powerful Than Your Gifts And Talents. You see, Thankfulness is the powerful force that *attracts* others toward you or moves them away from you. Many gifted and talented people never taste the rewards of their skills because their unthankfulness makes them *undesirable* to be near.

2. Thankfulness Is The Force That Determines Whether You Multiply or Decrease, Grow or Die, Attract or Repel The Company of Other Successful People.

3. Thankfulness Is The Power Tool Used By God To Reconstruct The Circumstances Around You. It *minimizes* the effect of negative things. It enables you to *pleasure* The Holy Spirit, keeping Him present to *defeat* your enemy.

4. Thankfulness Can Be An Effective Weapon For Victory. Regardless of what satan throws at you, an attitude of thanksgiving and praise will *attract* angels and *demoralize* demons assigned to abort your dreams and goals.

5. When You Develop An Attitude of Thanksgiving, You Will Change The World Around You. That is why the Apostle Paul said that he had learned to be content and happy, regardless of the state or situation around him. His attitude of rejoicing made the difference.

6. Remembering Acts of Kindness From Others Can Enable You To Maintain A Great Attitude of Thankfulness And Joy. Paul said, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you," (Philippians 1:3).

He was remembering *good* things, *right* things and *truthful* things about those who loved.

7. The Apostle Paul Stayed Thankful Because He Recognized That Any Suffering Would Produce An Invisible Reward. He knew that if he *suffered* for Christ, he would eventually *reign* with Christ. His suffering was for a purpose. "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body," (2 Corinthians 4:8-10).

8. Correcting Your Focus Is The First Step Toward Correcting Unthankfulness. If you look *inside* you, you will become *depressed*. If you look *around,* you will become *critical*. If you look *back,* you will develop a heart of *regrets*. But, when you look *up,* you will become *joyful* and *excited* about God. *You Correct Your Attitude When You Correct Your Focus*. You have to be *looking* at the right things for the right things to *grow* within you.

9. Your Thankfulness Is Attracting The Right People Into Your Life. Ruth was a servant. Her attitude got the attention of Boaz. He instructed his servants to make it *easier* for her life. You see, when you observe thankful *and* gracious people, something within you wants to be in their presence.

So, your attitude is determining what is coming toward you and what moves away from you.

10. Thankfulness Can Create A Personal Magnetism, Causing People To Want To Serve And Bless Your Life.

11. Thankfulness Is Controlling The Flow of Favor Toward Your Life. It is increasing it, or decreasing it.

12. Your Thankfulness Toward God Is Determining The Experiences You Have With Him. The Apostle Paul was a *happy* man. Why? He *constantly* thanked God for every specific blessing. "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you," (Philippians 1:3).

Thankful people stay excited. Thankful people are contagious with their joy. Thankful people avoid strife.

13. Remembering...The Goodness of God Keeps You Thankful. It did for Paul. "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you," (Ephesians 4:32). When you remember how good God has been to you, it greatly influences your mood and conduct.

14. Mothers Can Correct A Wrong Attitude In A Child By Honoring, Respecting And Publicly Praising The Labors of A Father. For example, when you discuss the *good* qualities of your husband to your children, their attitude changes toward him. When you discuss his *flaws,* their attitude of respect *dies.*

15. Your Attitude Is Your Greatest Asset or Your Greatest Burden To Your Life Today. It is

what is keeping you progressing and multiplying, or the terrible tyrant holding you back from your promotion.

16. Your Thankfulness Is Having A Spiritual Impact On Others For Good. That is why Paul wrote, "I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful," (Philippians 2:28). So, you can be a *carrier* of the Presence of The Holy Spirit. You can minister His joy to others... through your attitude of Thankfulness.

17. Praise Music That Honors The Holy Spirit Will Attract His Presence. Music will affect your focus. He instructed us to come into His Presence with singing. "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name," (Psalm 100:4).

It is so unfortunate that after some of us receive so many gifts and blessings for so many years, our ability to appreciate seems to deteriorate and diminish dramatically. Work on this in your personal life. Work on this in your home. Do not take for granted that your husband is "supposed to bring home the paycheck." Do not assume that it is "a woman's place to clean up the house and prepare the meals."

Appreciation of those around you will make you unforgettable.

Find ways to express your appreciation.

Do it *verbally.* Speak kind words of appreciation.

Do it *privately.* When no one else is around, be gentle in expressing your true appreciation and gratefulness.

Do it *publicly.* Others need to hear that you know and appreciate what God has blessed you with.

Do it *often.* Not just once a year at a birthday or an anniversary.

Do it *generously.* Go the extra mile when you buy a gift for someone special whom you love and appreciate.

Do it *thoughtfully.* One of my closest friends in Sarasota, Florida, sent me two books a few weeks ago. What kind of books? The very author that he knows I love to read. He had put *thought* into the purchase of my gifts. He knew what I wanted to read. I have had many people give me books *they* thought I *ought* to read...very few have purchased for me books that I *wanted* to read.

Do it *quickly.* If someone has blessed your life significantly, do not wait several months or years to express it. Try to establish the habit of responding to an act of kindness *within 72 hours.*

Do it *cheerfully.* When you express your appreciation, do not do it grudgingly as if it is a pain or an effort.

You will become *unforgettable* to every friend in your life.

Exude Gratitude Continuously.

2

THANKFULNESS IS A PRODUCT OF YOUR CHOSEN FOCUS

Focus Determines Feelings.

That is why the Bible tells us in Philippians 4:8, "...whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Thankful people do not have lives free from stress or problems, they simply *choose* to focus on the goodness and blessings of God instead.

Thankfulness occurs when you begin to remember and focus on the good things God has done for you. "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father," (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3).

Focus on the wonderful blessings so evident and obvious in your life. Psalm 68:19 says that God "...daily loadeth us with benefits."

Replay the memories of God's blessings in your life. He is a *good* God. He is a *powerful* God. He is a *loving* God.

He has brought you *through the fire.*

He has brought you *through the flood.*

He has preserved you *through false accusations.*

He has walked *in when others walked out.*

You are serving a miraculous, loving and powerful God. If nothing else good ever occurred in your life, His Presence is enough to *inspire* gratitude, appreciation and Thankfulness.

3

THE THANKFUL ARE ALWAYS THE TRIUMPHANT

Champions Are Thankful And Appreciative.

There are many Scriptural examples of people who willingly expressed their gratitude.

Thankfulness Is The Seed For Joy.

Ruth Was Thankful. When Boaz gave her permission to stay in his field and glean barley she thanked him. "Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?" (Ruth 2:10).

King Ahasuerus Was Thankful To Mordecai After Mordecai Had Exposed A Plan To Kill Him. "And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him," (Esther 6:3).

"Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken. Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before

him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour," (Esther 6:10-11).

The Apostle Paul Was Thankful. "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world," (Romans 1:8).

"I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin," (Romans 7:25).

"I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ," (1 Corinthians 1:4).

"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, Who hath enabled me, for that He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry," (1 Timothy 1:12).

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ," (1 Cor. 15:57).

The Leper In Luke 17 Who Was Healed. "And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks: and he was a Samaritan," (Luke 17:15-16).

The Woman Who Washed Jesus' Feet With Her Hair And Tears. "And He turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest Me no water for My feet: but she hath washed My feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest Me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss My feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed My feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much:

but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little," (Luke 7:44-47).

Mephibosheth To David. "And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually. And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?" (2 Samuel 9:7-8).

David Was Thankful. "And my tongue shall speak of Thy righteousness and of Thy praise all the day long," (Psalm 35:28).

"Seven times a day do I praise Thee because of Thy righteous judgments," (Psalm 119:164).

"O Lord, open Thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth Thy praise," (Psalm 51:15).

"At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee because of Thy righteous judgments," (Psalm 119:62).

Daniel Was Thankful After God Revealed To Him What King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream Meant. "I thank Thee, and praise Thee, O Thou God of my fathers, Who hast given me Wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of Thee: for Thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter," (Daniel 2:23).

Jesus Expressed His Gratitude To The Father. "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is My body. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it," (Matthew 26:26-27).

"Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up His eyes,

and said, Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast heard Me. And I knew that Thou hearest Me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that Thou hast sent Me," (John 11:41-42).

"At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes," (Matthew 11:25).

Joshua Was Thankful To Rahab. "And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel even unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho," (Joshua 6:25).

The Woman Who Was Bent Over For 18 Years. "And when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And He laid His hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God," (Luke 13:12-13).

The Lame Man Healed By Peter. "And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God," (Acts 3:8).

Blind Bartimaeus After Receiving His Sight. "And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God," (Luke 18:43).

The Thankful Are Always Triumphant.

4

THANKFULNESS USHERS IN THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND DISPELS EVIL SPIRITS

Never Take His Presence Lightly.

When The Holy Spirit Is Offended, He Withdraws His Manifest Presence. "I will go and return to My place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek My face: in their affliction they will seek Me early," (Hosea 5:15).

The Holy Spirit Is Easily Offended. "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. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you," (Ephesians 4:29-32).

An Atmosphere of Unthankfulness Grieves The Holy Spirit. The Bible tells us that He "...inhabits the praises of His people." (See Psalm 22:3.)

The psalmist knew the terrifying seasons when The Holy Spirit seemed withdrawn from him. David had been with Saul. He watched evil spirits depart as

he played his harp. He saw the touch of God on Saul come...*and leave.* He cried out after his own terrible sin with Bathsheba, "Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me," (Psalm 51:11).

Some theologians *laugh* at David's confession and pursuit. Thousands of ministers say David was wrong, that The Holy Spirit could not withdraw from him. But, David had *observed* King Saul's deterioration. *Do not kid yourself.*

Begin to give thanks to the Lord.

Create an atmosphere for The Holy Spirit to dwell. Your praise and thanksgiving is something satan cannot tolerate. Songs of worship and praise dispel demonic spirits as Saul discovered when David played the harp. "And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him," (1 Samuel 16:23).

Thankfulness attracts The Holy Spirit.

5

UNTHANKFULNESS WILL STOP THE FLOW OF BLESSINGS INTO YOUR LIFE

Unthankfulness Is A Cancer.

Unthankfulness can be birthed when a contentious loved one or a friend fuels a misunderstanding. They *feed* your anger. Something *upsets* you. Your focus is broken. Husbands and wives can feed each other's agitation. The wife is angry because the boss requested overtime. The husband ponders and meditates and receives the offense as well. Within weeks, they cannot look the boss in the eye. When a fellow employee shares their complaint, they add theirs with it. Their focus magnified the offense.

Unthankfulness is contagious. I walked off the plane recently with great joy. Life was wonderful. The ministry was touched by God. The finances were up. *I simply felt good.* Two minister friends of mine were waiting. They suggested a meal, and I agreed. Within moments, they began to share some of the trials they were going through. My heart filled with compassion. I listened. They continued and suddenly almost without warning, I was in a completely different arena. I heard myself discussing things I should never have discussed. I shared my trials, my

complaints and those who had failed me. Within two hours from my arrival, my heart was in such turmoil and frustration I could not explain it.

What had happened? I had permitted my focus to be broken. Unthankful people had entered my presence. I *permitted* it, *allowed* it and even fed it. The joy left. My enthusiasm waned.

Yet, nothing had really changed in my entire life except my attitude.

You see, somebody is speaking into your life continuously. *An unthankful person can abort the flow of Miracles into your life.*

8 Keys For Staying Thankful During Crisis

1. Recognize Unthankfulness As A Sin And Grievous To The Holy Spirit. "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption," (Ephesians 4:30).

2. Stop Discussing Anything That Does Not Build Up Another. "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).

3. Focus On The Wonderful Blessing So Evident And Obvious In Your Life. "Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation," (Psalm 68:19).

4. Cry Out To God When You Sense An Unthankful Spirit Growing. "The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles," (Psalm 34:17).

5. Confess Your Sin of Ingratitude With A

Broken And Contrite Heart. "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit," (Psalm 34:18).

6. Believe Your Trial Will Cease And God Will Give You Full Deliverance. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken," (Psalm 34:19-20).

7. Keep A Picture of The Miracles You Are Pursuing In Front of You At All Times. "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," (Philippians 3:13-14).

8. Withdraw From Unthankful And Contentious People. "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners," (1 Corinthians 15:33).

"As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife," (Proverbs 26:21).

Unthankfulness *blinds* you to every gift of God. You become critical, cynical and fault-finding. You refuse to be thankful for your car because you see your neighbor drive up in a new one.

Ingratitude can be cured. I have found two major methods God uses to deal with unthankfulness.

His first choice is for you to *enter The Secret Place,* beholding His goodness and becoming thankful in His Presence. It is impossible to habitually enter your private place of prayer, praising and worshipping Him, and remain unthankful when you leave.

The second method for dealing with unthankfulness is loss. *Loss is the best cure for unthankfulness.*

God simply takes away something you are not thankful for. "Because thou servedst not the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things; Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the Lord shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and He shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until He have destroyed thee," (Deuteronomy 28:47-48).

Unthankful People Are Often Militant In Influencing Others With Their Ingratitude

They are not satisfied to sit at home alone. They do not want to eat alone in restaurants. They cannot thrive alone. *Their unthankfulness requires fuel.* They pursue others to sow their Seeds of contention, discord and strife. If you do not remove them from your life, you will enter into a covenant with them, thus *destroying every blessing God is trying to place near you.*

Unthankful people create an atmosphere of discouragement. Motivation is *drained* in their presence. You *lose* energy. The projects that excited you suddenly look impossible to achieve. You start looking at hurdles instead of potential blessings. They are burdens not burden-bearers.

Unthankful people demotivate you. They demoralize you and destroy every dream of God within you.

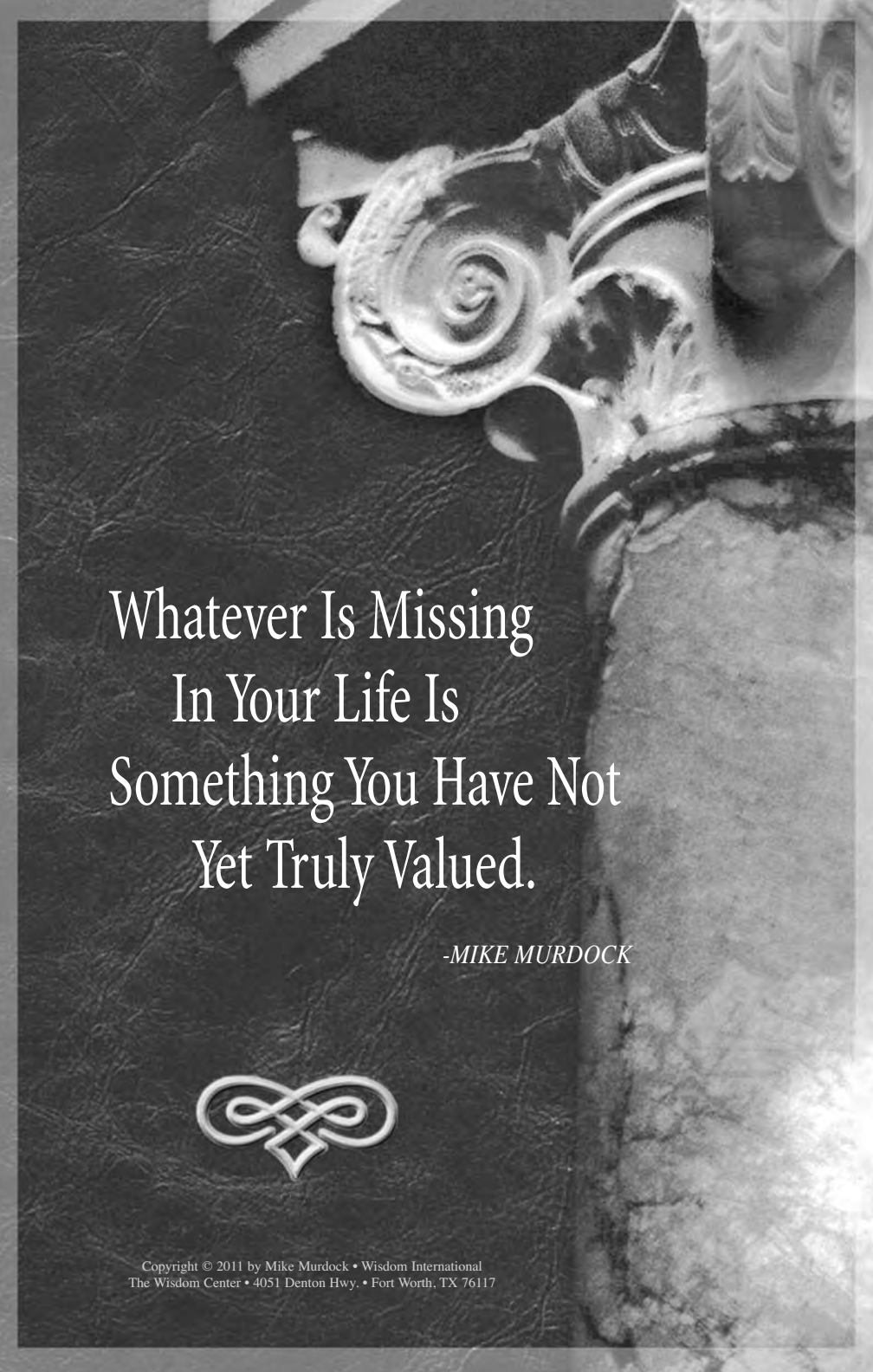
You cannot afford the tragedy of an unthankful person in your life.

Ingratitude and lack of appreciation for what God has already done will stop the blessings of God from flowing into your life.



Our Prayer Together...

"Jesus, forgive my unthankfulness. I see how deadly ingratitude can be. I purpose to remember Your goodness, Your grace and Your Miracles. Cleanse me. I will sing a new song of Thankfulness and those who come close to me will hear about Your greatness and Your goodness. I shall prosper and experience Your Harvest. In Jesus' Name. Amen."



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WHATEVER YOU ARE MOST THANKFUL FOR IN YOUR LIFE WILL INCREASE

What You Are Most Thankful For Multiplies In Your Life.

When you are thankful for friends, you will multiply your friendships. When you are thankful for the opportunity your boss gives you, money will begin to increase in your life.

The proof of Thankfulness is joy and the willingness to protect. You will protect and fight for the things which you are most thankful. Have you ever seen a mother race across the yard when a dog approached her child?

That protectiveness came because of her Thankfulness and appreciation for her child. Her baby is her life. *You will always fight to keep what you truly love.*

When an employee is thankful, they will fight to *keep* their job. You will not find them coming *late* to work or taking *extra* time away during the lunch hour. Why? They are grateful.

Thankful.

Gratitude is a gift to those you love. (See Proverbs 3:27.)

3 Ways To Express Thankfulness

1. Sing Your Gratitude And Thankfulness To God. Compose songs. They do not have to be fancy, articulate and profound words. He just wants to hear you sing praise and worship to Him.

Deborah, the great prophetess, understood how to express the appreciation of God through singing. After the defeat of Sisera of Jabin, she honored the Lord. "Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying, Praise ye the Lord for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves. Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, even I, will sing unto the Lord; I will sing praise to the Lord God of Israel," (Judges 5:1-3).

2. Write Notes of Thankfulness And Gratitude. Five minutes with a handwritten note will unlock a river within you. Suddenly, you will remember all the wonderful things God has done for you.

3. Give Gifts.

Anything Unrecognized Becomes Uncelebrated.

Anything Uncelebrated Becomes Unrewarded.

Anything Unrewarded Eventually Exits Your Life.

Thankfulness is magnetic. Whatever you are most thankful for will increase in your life.

Gratitude Is The Seed That Guarantees...More.



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WISDOM KEYS AND SCRIPTURES ON THANKFULNESS



31 Wisdom Keys On Thankfulness

1. A Gift Forces The Character of Another To Emerge.
2. Anything Unrecognized Becomes Uncelebrated; Anything Uncelebrated Becomes Unrewarded; Anything Unrewarded Eventually Exits Your Life.
3. Correcting Your Focus Is Your First Step Toward Correcting Unthankfulness.
4. Disloyalty Is The Product of An Unthankful Heart; Betrayal Is Usually The Child of Jealousy.
5. Every Gift Is A Test.
6. Gratitude Is Not A Feeling; It Is A Fragrance.
7. Gratitude Is The Golden Magnet For More.
8. Gratitude Is The Leader's Oasis.
9. Gratitude Is The Seed For More.
10. Gratitude Is Your Gift Back To A Giver.
11. Thankfulness Is A Product of Your Chosen Focus.
12. Thankfulness Is The Seed For Joy.
13. Thankfulness Will Produce More Than Your Gifts And Talents Alone.
14. Thankfulness Will Produce What Genius Alone Cannot.

15. The Atmosphere You Permit Determines The Product You Produce.
16. The Quickest Cure For Ingratitude Is Loss.
17. The Scent of Gratitude Magnifies The Odor of The Unthankful.
18. The Thankful Are Always Triumphant.
19. The Unthankful Are Always The Unhappy.
20. True Gratitude Is Impossible To Hide.
21. Unthankfulness Is A Cancer That Will Stop The Flow of Blessings Into Your Life.
22. What You Are Is Revealed By What You Do; What You Do Reveals What You Really Believe.
23. What You Do First Determines What God Will Do Second.
24. Whatever You Are Most Thankful For Increases In Your Life.
25. When You Change Your Focus, You Change Your Feelings.
26. You Are The Seed That Decides The Harvest That Emerges Around You.
27. You Can Expect A Harvest When You Celebrate A Man of God Over Your Life.
28. You Cannot Control Your Environment, You Can Control Your Focus.
29. Your Response To Favor Determines The Continuation of Favor.
30. Your Thankfulness Is Attracting The Right People Into Your Life.
31. Your Thankfulness Toward God Determines The Experiences You Have With Him.

15 Scriptures On Thankfulness

"By Thee have I been holden up from the womb: Thou art He that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise shall be continually of Thee," (Psalm 71:6).

"When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which He hath given thee," (Deuteronomy 8:10).

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name," (Psalm 100:4).

"And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing," (Psalm 107:22).

"Rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving," (Colossians 2:7).

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you," (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

"Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation," (Psalm 68:19).

"At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee because of Thy righteous judgments," (Psalm 119:62).

"Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the people," (1 Chronicles 16:8).

"Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High," (Psalm 50:14).

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most High," (Psalm 92:1).

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God

and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ," (Ephesians 5:20).

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God," (Philippians 4:6).

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him," (Colossians 3:17).

"For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving," (1 Timothy 4:4).

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3. Has traveled and spoken to more than 17,000 audiences in over 100 countries, including East and West Africa, Asia and Europe.

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7. Is the Founder of The Wisdom Center, in Fort Worth, Texas.

8. Has a weekly television program called *"Wisdom Keys with Mike Murdock."*

9. Has appeared often on TBN, CBN, BET and other television network programs.

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