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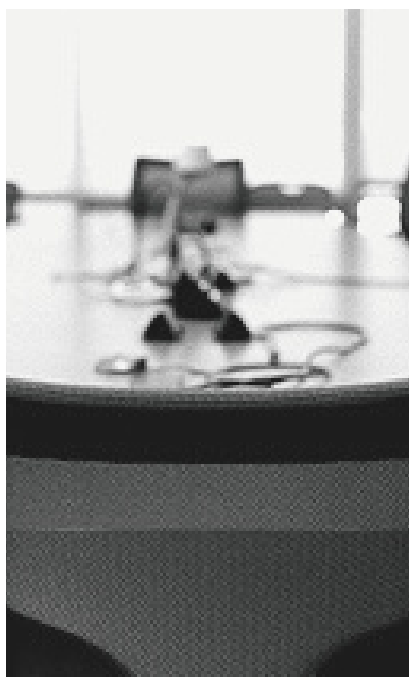
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## THANKSGIVING IT'S MORE THAN A DAY ...

As I was meditating the thought of thanksgiving; the following words came to me: **Thanks-giving is something that you give...**

You might say that I don't feel like giving thanks. Well, feelings are outside of the faith zone.

You can give -thanks by faith, independent of how you feel.

Did you know that there are only two times to give thanks? *When you feel like it and when you don't.*

You don't have to **feel** thankful to give thanks.

Give thanks by **faith!**

Is there a connection between faith and thanksgiving? Yes!!!

Let's look at the connection:

**Colossians 2:6-7** – As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: **Vs 7** Rooted and built up in him, and **stablished in the faith**, as ye have been taught, abounding therein **with thanksgiving**.

Faith has many companions, i.e. ... patience, joy, expectation, peace, your words, righteousness consciousness, yet, there is another companion and that is thanksgiving.

You'll discover as you continue reading this article, that if you are not thankful, then you are not operating in faith.

Listen to this next reference from Psalm sixty-nine.

**Psalm 69:30** - I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with **thanksgiving**.

Certainly, it requires a measure of faith to give thanks to a God of whom you cannot see. But, that's not what I am specifically pointing towards when I speak of faith and thanksgiving.

Here's what we need to see; there is thanksgiving on the **front side** of answered prayer and then there is the giving of thanks on the **back side** of answered prayer.

To give thanks, **after** having your prayers answered is proper etiquette, it's courteous and it expresses an attitude of gratitude and there is a measure of faith also present, in that you are thanking God of whom you cannot see.

Yet, there is a greater measure of thanksgiving, of which you can engage; in that you would give thanks for something that has **not yet** manifested.

Typically we don't thank someone for a request which has **not** yet been granted.

Yet, in thanking God in advance ... we are essentially "calling things which be not as though they were".

We could also say it this way; to thank God in advance, is to "BELIEVE" like you have the thing that you desire "NOW", even though it has not yet manifested. Under these circumstances, it's proper etiquette, it's courteous and it expresses an attitude of gratitude to thank God in advance. The following verse illustrates what I've just described.

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

According to this verse, we are to give-thanks ahead of the granted request. Notice how this request has thanksgiving with it on the front side;

**Philippians 4:6 (b)**... with thanksgiving let your requests be made"...

This type of thanksgiving is an act of faith.

It's impossible to please God without faith. (Hebrews 11:6)

*Check this out!*

Even, thanksgiving pleases God.

Look back at Psalm chapter sixty-nine.

**Psalm 69:30** - I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. **Vs 31** - This also shall **please** the Lord better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

What does verse thirty-one reveal to us other than the fact that thanksgiving pleases God? We find within this verse that thanksgiving is a better sacrifice than the bull or ox.

A **sacrifice** is when you give up one thing for another thing that you deem greater. There are times when you might not feel like giving thanks. In those times, we should allow thanksgiving to be greater than our feelings.

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A sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving pleases God because it ushers you into the victory arena.

Let's look at the book of Hebrews chapter thirteen.

**Heb. 13:15** - By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

If we are genuinely thankful, we'll give thanks.

We are not awaiting a special day.

Thanksgiving is a response born out of a genuine attitude of gratitude and represents our faith

Thanksgiving is more than a day, it's a way of life.

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## FAITH IS MEASURABLE

**Romans 12:3 KJV**- For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Let's read this same verse from the "Young's Literal Translation".

**Romans 12:3 YLT**- For I say, through the grace that was given to me, to every one who is among you, not to think above what it behoveth to think; but to think so as to think wisely, as to each God did deal a measure of faith,

It's worth noting, that ... the original Greek root language does not emphasize ... "the" measure ... but instead ... "a" measure.

Notwithstanding, whatever measure was dealt, each of us received that measure equally.

Let's also look at verse six.

**Romans 12:6** - Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

There appears to be a connection between the measure of faith described in verse three and the grace to function according to your calling of verse six.

Paul used the phrase "measure of faith" within the context of introducing different callings and gifts the Lord has given through which **faith** can manifest itself.

If a person was motivated by pride and self will to present themselves as a prophet when they had never been called to function in that grace as outlined in Romans 12:6, then that would be a mis-measurement of faith.

Although I thought it was important to explain the context, yet what's more intriguing to me ... is that there is an apparent implication of measurable faith.

Looking back at Romans chapter twelve and verse three, you'll notice that the Apostle Paul identified who he was speaking to.

**Romans 12:3** - For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, ...

He was writing to the body of Christ. So then, if you weren't born again, you didn't have the "God kind of faith" with which to measure. (2 Thess 3:2)

The unregenerate man does not have the God Kind of faith. God's faith doesn't become an abiding force until you're born of God.

Listen to this reference from First John chapter five and verses one and four.

**1 John 5:1 (a)** - **Whosoever** believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God:

**Vs 4** - For **whatsoever** is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our **faith**.

If you are born of God, then you have God's faith.

When you and I received Jesus as Lord and Savior; God the Father, God the Son, came to dwell within our "hearts" in the person of the Holy Spirit.

When the Holy Spirit came to dwell within your heart, the LOVE of God came, as well.

Isn't that right? Listen to this reference from the book of Romans chapter five.

**Romans 5:5** - And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

What's included with God's love?

Along with God's Love came His characteristics of Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Goodness, **Faith**, Meekness, and Temperance. (**Galatians 5:22-23**)

Again, each of these characteristics or spiritual forces are resident within us now ... including faith.

No Christian is deficient of what he or she needs to live the life of faith. (Hab 2:4, Rom. 1:17, Gal 3:11 Heb. 10:23)



Although our emphasis is on ... faith ... any one of the characteristics of God's love ... can be cultivated over time ... as we grow in our understanding and as we continually practice them as part of our daily lifestyle.

Don't ever question whether or not you have the faith of God. Each of us ... as Christians have God's very own faith.

In fact, you were **not** given a smaller quantity or an inferior quality of **faith** than that of the early Apostles.

The initial measure of faith in quantity and quality, was equal to what they received.

Listen to Second Peter chapter one.

**2 Peter 1:1** – Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained **like precious faith** with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

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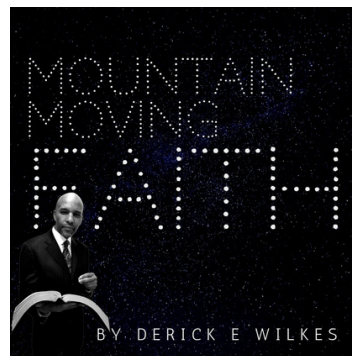
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# The Blessing of Faithful Stewardship

**1 Corinthians 4:2, 7** - "Moreover it is required in **stewards**, that a man be found **faithful**... And what hast thou that thou didst not receive?"

The word "**steward**" is synonymous to the word "**manager**." Many people believe that the word steward is primarily related to a person's money; yet, that's not the only thing that can be managed.

However, money management is where we will focus our attention for a few moments.

Let's look at something the chief priests and some of the scribes sought to do, to entrap Jesus and how Jesus responded, which will serve to provide some insight into stewardship.

Go with me to the book of Luke and chapter twenty.

## **Luke 20:22-25**

**VS 22** - Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no? **Vs 23** - But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me? **Vs 24** - Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's. **Vs 25** - And he said unto them, Render therefore **unto** Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and **unto** God the things which be God's.



If we were to use taxes for illustrative purposes, then we should render unto the government what belongs to them. Can you see that?

Then Jesus went on to say that we should render unto God that which is His. For example the Tithe is the Lord's. (Leviticus 27:30, Hebrews 7:8)

A steward is a person who manages the resources of another, and is responsible for doing what he is told to do with those resources. If the steward does something other than what he was told he could be labeled as unfaithful.

Listen to this reference from the book of Malachi chapter three and verses six and eight.

**Malachi 3:6** -Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

**Vs 8** - Bring ye all the tithes into the **storehouse**, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a **blessing**, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

The blessing is connected to your faithfulness.

Listen to this reference from the book of Proverbs chapter twenty-eight.

**Proverbs 28:20** - A **faithful** man shall abound with **blessings**: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

Each week, according as the Lord has prospered you; ten percent of your increase representing the tithe, should be laid aside, so that it can be given into the kingdom of God. (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)

Doing this consistently, would identify you as a faithful steward of God's resources.

This article excerpt is from our book: **Kingdom Economics**

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**Mark 4:26** – And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; **Vs 27**– And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

When speaking of seed where the kingdom of God is concerned; Jesus said that the seed is the Word of God.

**Luke 8:11** – Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

When we speak of sowing seed, and when the bible speaks of sowing seed, specifically in the book of Mark chapter four where it deals with the parable of the sower and the soils, Jesus refers to the seed as the Word of God being sown into the hearts of men.

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