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“Say Thank You”

what comes to mind when I say “Thanksgiving?”

Turkey, Games, Clothing, Pilgrims, Freedom, Liberty, Health, America, Family, Faith, God, Salvation, Jesus !

(it always starts with the appreciation of the least and flows toward to the greater)

The Bible is Full of Situations Where,
The Participants in Those Events Were Brought to the Place of Saying “Thank You”

Acts 3:1-10

Now Peter and John went up together **TO the temple AT the hour of prayer**, the ninth hour (3pm). :2 And **A CERTAIN MAN** lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily **at the gate of the temple** which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; :3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. :4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.” :5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. :6 Then Peter said, **“Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”** :7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. :8 **So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them - - walking, leaping, and praising God.** :9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God. :10 **Then they knew** that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Thanksgiving Fact #1

every day comes and goes, but we are the ones who are Christians at Thanksgiving.

Acts 3:1

Now Peter and John went up together **TO the temple AT the hour of prayer**, the ninth hour (3pm).

Thanksgiving is The Holiest Day of Our Holidays. It’s Uniquely Christian

Will you be going up together **TO the relatives AT the hour of feasting**,

Thanksgiving Fact #2

our world, our families, our friends, our neighbors, they are people too.

Acts 3:2-5

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Be Available This Thanksgiving for God to Use You in a Special Way.

Thanksgiving Fact #3

No amount of money or human effort can remedy what we need.

Acts 3:6

Then Peter said, **“Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”**

Thanksgiving Fact #4

There’s no self-help program that can change your attitude and disposition.

Acts 3:7-8

And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. :8 **So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them - - walking, leaping, and praising God.**

Thanksgiving Fact #5

Choosing to be thankful will alter the atmosphere in which you live and move.

Acts 3:9-10

:9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God. :10 **Then they knew** that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Complaining

is the opposite of being thankful and it is the arch enemy of a healthy attitude

Attitude Equals Altitude;

the attitude of an airplane ultimately effects the altitude of that airplane.
(the attitude indicator is the most important instrument in the cockpit)

8 So he, leaping up (I could have hurt myself), **stood** (now I'm going to have to get a job cuz I can't beg like this) **and walked and entered the temple with them - - walking, leaping, and praising God.** (man - what are my friends going to think about me now)

Psalm 100:1-4

Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! :2 Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. :3 Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. :4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

Philippians 4:4

Rejoice (a calm, glad, happiness) **in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!** (a calm, glad, happiness)

Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, **with thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known to God

there is no doubt about it but - - when you're thankful **about something it changes everything around you because...**

“Then they knew”

“and they were **filled** with **wonder** and **amazement** at what had happened to the man.”

#1

there is always something to be thankful for.

#2

being thankful causes you to see things that cannot be seen otherwise.

#3

being thankful effects the other people around you.

#4

when you choose to be thankful, you instantly become “wealthy”

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