

# THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON "thanks-giving"

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## Sermon Notes

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. <sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. <sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:1-5*

## **Thanksgiving OPENS US UP TO BE BETTER RECEIVERS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

*For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving. 1 Timothy 4:4*

### **I. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 MSG**

<sup>16-18</sup> **Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live.**

## **When we become better Receivers Spiritually WE EMBRACE ALL GOD HAS FOR US & OUR TRUST IN HIM IS INCREASED**

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17*

### **II. 2 Corinthians 4:15-16**

<sup>15</sup> **All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.**

**When we become better Receivers Psychologically WE ARE**  
**ANCHORED IN JOY GIVING HOPE & STRENGTH FOR**  
**TOMORROW**

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-7*

**III. 1 Chronicles 29:12-14**

<sup>12</sup> **Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. <sup>13</sup> Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. <sup>14</sup> “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.**

**When we become better Receivers Physically WE**

**EXPERIENCE THE BLESSING OF PROVISION MORE AND**

**MORE**

*So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:31-33*