

THE SECRET OF CONTINUAL THANKGIVING

Philippians 4:10-13

While setting aside a specific day each year for our nation to thank God is a great idea, the continual attitude of thanksgiving is crucial in the life of all who believe in God.

I Thessalonians 5:18, *"In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

Philippians 4:6, *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."*

Psalms 100:4, *"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and come into His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name."*

What is the secret of continual thanksgiving? It is the attitude of **contentment**. Not prosperity. Contentment is realizing how much you already have, how much God has already given you, how rich you already are. Paul said, *"I am not saying this because I am in need, for **I have learned to be content** whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength"* Philippians 4:11-13.

1. Add your blessings.

2. Subtract your losses.

3. Multiply your promises.

4. Divide your burdens.

The Bible tells us about the throne in heaven which is already surrounded by angels and about: *"... the elders and the four living creatures... (who) fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever'"* (Revelation 7:11-12). One day we will join them. Why not start practicing now?