

「藉感恩打開蒙福之泉」

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背誦經文：4 當稱謝進入祂的門；當讚美進入祂的院。當感謝祂，稱頌祂的名！5 因為耶和華本為善。祂的慈愛存到永遠；祂的信實直到萬代。(詩 100:4-5)

1. 喜樂與蒙福的大小，全都與感恩的程度成正比

- ❖ 一個不會感恩的人，是不可能真正的喜樂
— 『喜樂的大小絕對與感恩的程度成正比』 — 達祕 (John Darby)
- ❖ 感恩是打開喜樂泉源的蓋子，使人蒙受更大的恩典、更多的祝福：『恩上加恩』

2. 感恩顯明人的信心(與 神的關係)，以及屬靈生命的成熟度

- ❖ 真實的信心必然帶進對 神的感恩，而感恩的程度是與信心的大小成正比。
- ❖ 「3-D 的感恩」說出對神不同層次的感恩 — 從「知恩」、「感恩」到「榮耀 神」

1) 長度上：「做醒感恩」(西 4: 2) - 知道感恩，學習不將恩典視為理所當然

- a. 感恩是需要刻意去培養、用心去操練
我無論在甚麼景況都可以知足，這是我已經「學會」了。(腓 4:11)
- b. 感恩要「隨時」、「及時」並「真實」
- c. 存感恩的心，說感恩的話，行感恩的事

2) 寬度上：「凡事謝恩」(帖前 5: 18) - 不忘感恩：數主恩典、且要一一的數

- 16 要常常喜樂，17 不住地禱告，18 凡事謝恩；因為這是神在基督耶穌裏向你們所定的旨意。(帖前 5:16-18)
- 無論做甚麼，或說話或行事，都要奉主耶穌的名，藉著祂感謝父神。(西 3:17)

3) 高度上：獻上感恩的祭 - 為了「榮耀 神」

- 凡以感謝獻上為祭的便是榮耀我... (詩 50:23)
- 耶穌說：「潔淨了的不是十個人嗎？那九個在哪裡呢？除了這外族人，再沒有別人回來歸榮耀與 神麼？」(路 17:17-18)

Opening the Fountain of Blessings Through Thanksgiving

Memorization Verses: ⁴Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *and* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name. ⁵For the Lord *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting, and His truth *endures* to all generations. (Ps 100:4-5 NKJV)

1. The extent of one's joy and blessings are directly proportional to the degree of thanksgiving
 - ❖ A person who does not know how to give thanks cannot have true joy.
— 'The magnitude of joy is absolutely proportional to the degree of gratitude.'
(John Darby)
 - ❖ Thanksgiving is to uncover the fountain of joy, allowing one to receive greater grace and more blessings: 'Grace upon grace.'
2. Thanksgiving reveals one's faith (relationship with God) and the maturity of their spiritual life
 - ❖ True faith inevitably leads to thanksgiving toward God, and the degree of thanksgiving is directly proportional to the magnitude of one's faith.
 - ❖ "3-D Thanksgiving" expresses different levels of gratitude toward God—from "knowing grace," to "being thankful," to "glorifying God."
 - a. In terms of length: "Be vigilant with Thanksgiving" (Col 4:2 NKJV) – know how to give thanks, learning not to take grace for granted
 - i. Thanksgiving needs to be deliberately cultivated and practiced with heart.
“... for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content (Phil 4:11 NKJV)
 - ii. Thanksgiving should be "at all times," "promptly," and "genuine."
 - iii. Have a heart of thanksgiving, speak words of thanksgiving, and perform acts of thanksgiving
 - b. In terms of breadth: "in everything give thanks" (1 Thess 5:18 NKJV) – never forget to give thanks: count the Lord's blessings, one by one.

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thess 5:16-18 NKJV)

¹⁷And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (Col 3:17 NKJV)
 - c. In terms of height: Offering up the sacrifices of thanksgiving—for the purpose of "glorifying God."
“The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me” (Psalm 50:23 ESV)