

## “DO YOU HAVE AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE WHEN YOU PRAY?”

### I. IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS

A. Prayers of thanksgiving in the Old Testament were commonly based more on PHYSICAL blessings.

1. In the Pentateuch and the \_\_\_\_\_ books thanksgiving is \_\_\_\_\_ as plentiful. (Ex. 15; Lev. 7; Deut. 26; Isa. 25; Jer. 32:16-25; Dan. 6:10; Jonah 2:9)
2. In the \_\_\_\_\_ books and the \_\_\_\_\_ in particular there is an abundance of grateful petitions. (2 Sam. 22:50; 1 Chron. 16:1, 34-36; Ezra 7:27-28; Psalm 8; 96; 100; 106:1, 47; 107:1; 119:62; 136; 140:13)

B. Prayers of thanksgiving in the New Testament are generally emphasizing the SPIRITUAL aspect of blessings.

1. With \_\_\_\_\_ revelation, people became increasingly more thankful as they became more \_\_\_\_\_ of what God had already done for them.
2. After the unfolding plan of redemption was displayed at the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, believers now have every reason to be \_\_\_\_\_ grateful. (1 Cor. 15:57; 2 Cor. 2:14; 9:15)
3. The prayers of Paul \_\_\_\_\_ with petitions of thanksgiving like no other writer. (Rom. 1:8; 14:6; 1 Cor. 1:4; 15:57; 2 Cor. 1:11; 4:15; 9:11; Eph. 1:15-16; 5:4, 20; Philip. 1:3; 4:6; Col. 1:3; 2:7; 3:17; 4:2; 1 Thess. 1:2; 3:9; 5:17-18; 2 Thess. 2:13; 1 Tim. 2:1; 2 Tim. 1:3)

C. In prayers of thanksgiving found in the Bible, \_\_\_\_\_ is the primary object, not just the \_\_\_\_\_ that stem from His grace.

\* How is it we lose sight of this?

D. A grateful heart applied in a practical way.

1. The words \_\_\_\_\_ (*pencan*) and \_\_\_\_\_ (*pancian*) come from a common old English root. If we would only take the time to \_\_\_\_\_ about the Lord more frequently, without question we would \_\_\_\_\_ Him more often.
  
2. An ungrateful heart may be \_\_\_\_\_ your prayers, because petitions without thanksgiving are really \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. If you are \_\_\_\_\_ content and grateful for what you already have, it is highly \_\_\_\_\_ that you will be thankful for what you have yet to receive.
  
  - b. Like any parent, it must seriously \_\_\_\_\_ our Father's heart to have to listen to the prayers of an \_\_\_\_\_ child.
  
3. The seeds of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will not grow in the soil of a thankful heart.
  
4. The very same sense of \_\_\_\_\_ that you have in coming to the Lord with a \_\_\_\_\_ should be present and practiced in your thanksgiving as well.
  
5. The holy combination of \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ produces grateful results.

\* How can you apply this truth today in your own life?