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Kingdom Building Series: The Power of Thanksgiving & Gratitude!

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How to Fight the Good Fight of Faith

I Fight With:



Foundational Scripture (Writing a Psalm of Thanksgiving)

- Recognize the Power of God's Word in your Praise
- Thanksgiving to God overwhelms the enemy's tactics

Ephesians 5:18-21 (NKJV)

18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Praising God and giving Him Glory is for everyone!

Matthew 21:14-17 (NLT)

14 The blind and the lame came to him in the Temple, and he healed them. 15 The leading priests and the teachers of religious law saw these wonderful miracles and heard even the children in the Temple shouting, "Praise God for the Son of David." But the leaders were indignant. 16 They asked Jesus, "**Do you hear what these children are saying?**" "**Yes,**" Jesus replied. "**Haven't you ever read the Scriptures? For they say, 'You have taught children and infants to give you praise.'**" 17 Then he returned to Bethany, where he stayed overnight.

Psalms 8:2 (AMP)

Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babes You have established strength. Because of Your adversaries, That You might silence the enemy and make the revengeful cease.

Psalms 8:2 (NIV)

Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

We can liberate others (family, friends, co-workers, etc...) through our Thanksgiving & Praise

Acts 16:16-34 (NKJ)

16 Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. 17 This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." 18 And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. 19 But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. 20 And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; 21 and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." 22 Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to

be beaten with rods. 23 And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. 27 And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. 28 But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." 29 Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. 34 Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Put your Thanksgiving & Gratitude in Action

Create a personal Psalm (One thing you are Thankful for from your Past, Present & Future)

1. **Past:** What is one thing you know without a shadow of doubt that God did from your past that you are Thankful for?
2. **Present:** In this season of your life right now what one thing are you Thankful for?
3. **Future:** What are you believing God for; anticipating and are in expectation of for your Future from God?

Choose one of the 150 Psalms as your template and place your Past, Present and Future in it. This then becomes your personal Psalm of Thanksgiving☺