

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6



⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6-7



Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you were
called to peace. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15



And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17



...give thanks in all circumstances, for this is
God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18



Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.

Hebrews 12:28



Psalm 103
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הַלֵּל – Hālāl v. “praise God with instruments and singing, to boast extravagantly”

תְּהִלָּה – Těhillâ n. “express praise and thanksgiving”

יָדָה – Yādâ v. “to give thanks”

תּוֹדָה – Tôdâ n. “thanksgiving”

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Psalm 100:4



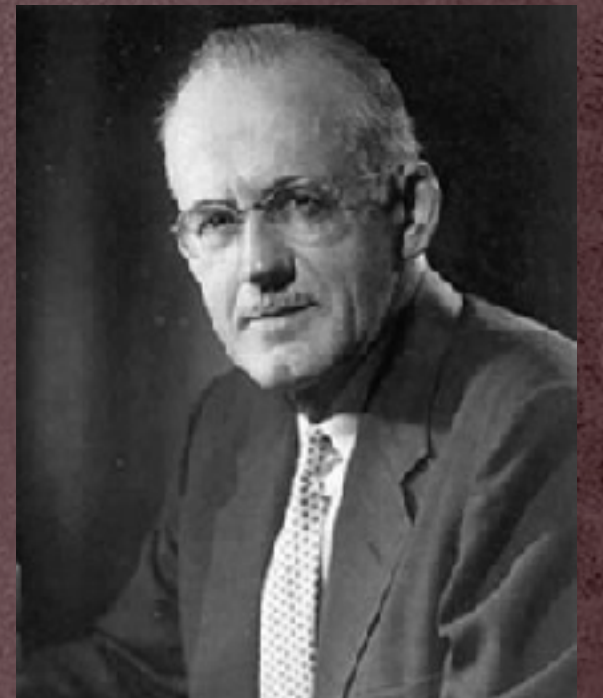
I. We Can Direct Ourselves Towards Thankfulness

A. Redirecting our desires

- *What we think about God defines who we are*

What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.... We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God.

Knowledge of the Holy by A.W. Tozer



II. Focusing On God Opens The Door To Thankfulness

A. God forgives all our sins

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:12



REMEMBER & REFLECT

How have you experienced
the forgiveness of God?

II. Focusing On God Opens The Door To Thankfulness

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- B. God heals all our diseases

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed”.

Luke 4:18



REMEMBER & REFLECT

How have you experienced
God's healing power?

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- C. God redeems our life from the pit

REMEMBER & REFLECT

Can you remember life
without God?

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- D. God crowns us with love and compassion

REMEMBER & REFLECT

Are you currently experiencing
God's love and compassion?

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- E. God satisfies our desires

Delight yourself in the LORD and he will
give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:4



REMEMBER & REFLECT

How has God begun to change your desires,
then give you the desires of your heart?

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- F. God accomplishes righteousness for the oppressed

A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Deuteronomy 32:4



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Is God the final standard of
what is right in your life?

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- G. God accomplishes justice for the oppressed

The exodus experience called Israel to be a particular kind of community with a distinctive way of life. They were to pattern their life on the liberating justice of God and be a people who showed the same compassionate care for the poor and the oppressed as God had shown to them.

Becoming Friends by Paul J. Wadell



REMEMBER & REFLECT

How have you experience
God's justice?

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- I. God is compassionate and gracious
- J. He will not always accuse or be angry
- K. God does not treat us as we deserve
- L. God's love is higher than we can understand
- M. God removes our sins completely
- N. God is a compassionate Father who knows our limitations
- O. God's love never ends

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What seems bigger:
your problems or God's love?

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- P. God is king over all