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Oasis Sunday School Class

VIRTUOUS-GRATITUDE

Chapter 13

"Gratitude is the Christian's first and highest duty" Nancy Wilson

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1 THESS. 5:18 IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS; FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IN CHRIST JESUS.

THE VERB FOR "GIVE THANKS" (EUCCHARISTEA):

- WE GET OUR WORD EUCCHARIST FROM THAT WORD
- A TERM USED TO DESCRIBE THE LORD'S Supper
- COMES FROM THE WORD TO GIVE Thanks

ROMANS 8:28 AND WE KNOW THAT GOD CAUSES ALL THINGS TO WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THOSE WHO LOVE GOD, TO THOSE WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.

PHIL. 4:8 BE ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING BUT IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO GOD.

COL 2:6 THEREFORE AS YOU HAVE RECEIVED CHRIST JESUS THE LORD, SO WALK IN HIM, HAVING BEEN FIRMLY ROOTED AND NOW BEING BUILT UP IN HIM AND ESTABLISHED IN YOUR FAITH, JUST AS YOU WERE INSTRUCTED, AND OVERFLOWING WITH GRATITUDE.

COL. 3:15 LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST RULE IN YOUR HEARTS, TO WHICH INDEED YOU WERE CALLED IN ONE BODY; AND BE THANKFUL.

EP. 5:18-20 BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT, SPEAKING TO ONE ANOTHER IN PSALMS AND HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS, SINGING AND MAKING MELODY WITH YOUR HEART TO THE LORD; ALWAYS GIVING THANKS FOR ALL THINGS.

EPH 5:3-4 IMMORALITY OR ANY IMPURITY OR GREED MUST NOT EVEN BE NAMED AMONG YOU, AS IS PROPER AMONG THE SAINTS; THERE MUST BE NO FILTHINESS AND SILLY TALK, OR COARSE JESTING, WHICH ARE NOT FITTING, BUT RATHER GIVING OF THANKS.

1 THESS. 5:

V. 16 REJOICE ALWAYS:

V. 17 PRAY WITHOUT CEASING:

V. 18 IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS:

FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IN CHRIST JESUS.

JOHN 6:33 IN THE WORLD YOU HAVE TRIBULATION, BUT TAKE COURAGE; I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD.

THINGS THAT STEAL JOY, INTERRUPT COMMUNION IN PRAYER AND TAKE AWAY GRATITUDE:

1. Doubt ABOUT GOD'S SOVEREIGN POWER
2. selfishness
3. worldliness
4. A critical SPIRIT
5. THE ISSUE OF impatience
6. _____
7. coldness OF HEART
8. PLAIN OLD rebellion

ALL OF THE ABOVE IS CALLED sin.

HOW TO PUT OURSELVES IN A POSITION TO THANK GOD:

1. CONFESS INGRATITUDE AS A sin
2. ASK GOD TO SHOW YOU WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN complaining AND CONFESS THAT AS SIN AS WELL
3. MAKE A list OF THE THINGS FOR WHICH YOU ARE VERY GRATEFUL AND THANK GOD FOR EACH ITEM ON YOUR LIST
4. MAKE A LIST OF THE hard THINGS IN YOUR LIFE, THE TROUBLES AND TRIALS AND THANK GOD FOR THEM
- ✓ 5. MAKE A LIST OF THE HARD people IN YOUR LIFE AND THANK GOD FOR EACH ONE
- ✓ 6. PRAY THAT GOD WILL HELP YOU EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR all THINGS ALL THE TIME.