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Thank [God] in everything [no matter what the circumstances may be, be thankful and give thanks], for this is the will of God for you [who are] in Christ Jesus [the Revealer and Mediator of that will]. 1 Thess 5:18 AMP

Happy Thanksgiving friends and partners!

You are so loved by us! We cover you with our prayers daily! As we prepare to celebrate one of the biggest holidays of the year, we are reminded of what it really means to be thankful *in everything*. This doesn't mean your life is perfect or that you don't have any problems. We're all facing something. We want to remain thankful *in everything* because 1 Thessalonians tells us that is the will of God. Why would the word of God tell us to be thankful in everything when "everything" isn't going right? **Because being thankful puts our heart in the position to recognize God in the midst of difficulties.**

Psalms 50:14 says, **Make thankfulness your sacrifice to God.**

Psalms 50:23 says, **But giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honors me. If you keep to my path, I will reveal to you the salvation of God.**

It's hard to remain thankful during the difficult times in our lives. Does that mean we thank God for incurable diseases, divorce or a child that isn't serving God? No. But what these two scriptures tell us is that thankfulness is a *sacrifice*. Sacrifice is giving something up that you really want to keep. Often times we hold on to our thankfulness until we think it's worthy to be given up or when our circumstances change for the better. Our nature is to be thankful when things are going smoothly and there are no rain clouds on the horizon. It's a natural response when our life is "perfect". But we tend to hold on to our thankfulness when our life is not going the way we think it should. We save our gratitude and thanksgiving for the really good times in life when we *feel* like God really deserves our praise.

The truth is that whether we *feel* like it or not, God deserves our thankfulness and praise every single day. He is worthy of it because He adopted us into His own family and calls us His beloved children. He sent His own precious Son to die on a cross, scourged and beaten beyond recognition- **for us**. It's not a matter of feeling; it's a matter of the heart. **Giving thanks, when done in honesty and humility, changes our heart.** Thanksgiving shouldn't only be done when we feel like it. The Bible doesn't tell us to give thanks on the days when we feel like it. We're to do it every day, no matter what the circumstance may be. Your thanks to God today may sound like this, God I thank you for getting me through this divorce. I thank you that I have your peace every day and that satan can't steal it from me! Your thanksgiving may even be, Lord I thank you for that new job. I don't have it yet but in Jesus name, through faith, I take it. It's mine! **You can be thankful for the things you don't possess in the natural yet! If you believe you receive them, you have them in Jesus name (Mark 11:24).**

Thanksgiving changes our perspective. It keeps us humble, softhearted, obedient, and open to receive what God has for us next. **It even builds our spirit man up and reminds us of who we are in Christ.** Remaining constant in our thanksgiving to God is telling God, I don't understand why I'm going through this or when it will end but I'm going to follow You in this season of my life.

Stop holding on to your thankfulness until something *great* or *better* comes along. Release your thanksgiving to God. By doing this you are opening up your hands and heart and are ready to receive from Him! You might say, what if I have nothing to be thankful for? There is *always something* to thank and praise God for. Even just for the fact that He woke you up this morning and your heart is beating to the rhythm that He set! JESUS can be the reason you are thankful to God today! Because He loves you and He is with you wherever you go.

If you have been faithful in bringing your sacrifice of thanksgiving to God, continue doing so! If you haven't practiced this before or if it's been awhile, start sowing those seeds of thankfulness to God today. You will begin to open yourself up before God, ready to receive the harvest.

Here is a list we started for you. We encourage you to make your own list and bring it to the Lord as a sacrifice daily!

***It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night. Psalm 91:1-2NKJV***

I am thankful that I have been adopted into the family of God (2 Cor 6:18, 1 John 3:1)

I am thankful that I have the mind of Christ (1 Cor 2:16)

I am thankful that You have good plans for me, You want to prosper me and give me a future! (Jer 29:11)

I am thankful that You fight for me and I only have to be still (Ex 14:14)

I am thankful that you give me strength and increase my power (Isaiah 40:29,31)

Are you going through a rough time in your life right now? Maybe you are experiencing heartbreak in one or more areas of your life and you need prayer in agreement with someone. The holidays might be a hard time for you. We understand. And we're here for you. Prayer in agreement is powerful and can be life changing. We encourage you to give us a call. Do not hesitate to call our prayer line and ask for help. We'll pray with you in accordance to Matthew 18:19 where Jesus Himself left us this promise, ***Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven (KJV).***

Thank you to all our partners! Your prayers and financial love offerings have helped us go further with the Gospel than ever before. Thanks to you, this Christmas 4000 kids will receive a goody bag filled with combs, toothbrushes, wafers, chocolate and a teddy bear. **You are the reason we are able to provide these amazing gifts to impoverished children this Christmas.** Though you may not be able to physically go and hand out these goody bags in the forgotten areas of Romania and the Republic of Moldova, *you are just as much a part of this project as those of us who go.* Everything we do and give on these trips is used as tools to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth! Thanks for helping us depopulate hell and populate heaven one soul at a time!

From our family to yours, we pray you have a Happy Thanksgiving, filled with love and laughter as you remember how good our Heavenly Father is. And the sacrifice that was made for you on Calvary.

Happy Thanksgiving,

The Militaru Family