

Sunday Morning | November 1, 2015

ROOTED IN *Gratitude*

THE POWER OF *Thankfulness*

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7 (NLT)

INSIGHT: A different tomorrow comes through intentionality.

INSIGHT: If you are a spiritual zombie it's because your faith roots are shallow (*Ephesians 3:17-19*).

INSIGHT: Our life problems come because we don't have spiritual roots (*Matthew 13:21 NLT*).

TRUTH: Way too many professing Christians live by their feelings rather than their faith (*Jeremiah 17:7*).

TRUTH: No root, no fruit.

TRUTH: The #1 feature of being rooted in God is constant gratitude.

I. WHAT BIBLICAL GRATITUDE IS, *1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)*

1. I give thanks in all things.
 - a) I know God is in control.
 - b) He will bring good to me in any situation.
 - c) My life events are by His permission or direction.
 - d) Even my grievous mistakes God can turn around.
 - e) I can't lose His salvation.
 - f) No matter what God won't stop loving me.

2. I give thanks because it's His will.

TRUTH: God's will is for you to give thanks to Heaven in the midst of every circumstance of your life.

II. REASONS FOR GRATITUDE

1. It honors God.
2. It develops my faith.
3. It witnesses to unbelievers.

INSIGHT: Your attitude of gratitude makes God attractive to those who don't know Him (*Philippians 2:14*).

INVITATION INSIGHT: Thanking God after receiving is gratitude; thanking God before receiving is faith.