

GRATITUDE

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We can rejoice, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us...

Romans 5:3

Though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again.

Proverbs 24:16

Walk about Zion, go around her, count her towers, consider well her ramparts, view her citadels, that you may tell of them to the next generation. For this God is our God forever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.

Psalms 48:12-14

I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving. This will please the Lord more than an ox, more than a bull with its horns and hooves.

Psalms 69:30

Our praise, provides God a channel for his power to operate in our circumstances.

Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening.

Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!

Acts 16:25-26 NLT

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Psalms 100:4

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

What do we know about gratitude?

1. Gratitude is never invisible or _____.

Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.

Luke 6:45

2. Gratitude sustains joy and _____.

3. Gratitude _____ where my sense of entitlement ends.

4. Grateful people can _____ a blessing, enlarge a blessing, or create a blessing, in almost any situation.

The opposite is also true.

Negative people Can Find A Burden, Enlarge A Burden, or Create A Burden, In Almost Any Situation.

** All scriptures from NIV unless otherwise noted*