

Understanding the Power of Thanksgiving Part 1

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The Chaplain, Covenant University, Pastor Charles Ihekwa, has said that thanksgiving among other is a platform for fulfillment of prophecy, 1Thessalonians 5: 18, Hebrews 10: 36.

Pastor Ihekwa said this at the Tuesday Chapel Service of April 5, 2015. "The subject of thanksgiving has always been limited to thanking God for His past acts but it is much more than that. It is also for thanking God for what He will do, John 6: 11," he added.

He continue, "When we give God thanks for what He has done, we remind Him of what is left, Luke 17: 12-19. Nothing moves God like thanksgiving. We must ensure that we genuinely return with thanksgiving. Thanksgiving must be our life style, if we must see prophecy fulfilled," he warned.

Pastor Ihekwa also counseled the congregation to beware of murmuring, which according to him, is a proof of ingratitude, Deuteronomy 28: 47, 1Corinthians 10: 10, Joel 1: 11-12, Numbers 11: 1-3. "Complaining can complicate your issues," he added. He emphasised that thanksgiving is acknowledging God what He has done, Luke 12: 16 and it is a must because it is a debt everyone owes God, 2Thessalonians 1: 3.

The Chaplain enumerated reasons why everyone must give thanks. These, according to him, include God's benefits, Psalm 103: 3-5; for forgiveness, healing and deliverance, Isaiah 53: 3-5; for things anticipated John 6: 11; anticipated turn-around, 1John 5: 14 and for God's love, John 3: 16, Romans 5: 5, Romans 8: 28.

He also listed pride, Psalm 131: 1, spirit of heaviness, challenges of life, Psalm 42: 11, comparing oneself with others, 2Corinthians 10: 12 and helplessness, Job 14: 7, Ecclesiastes 9: 4 as some of the hindrances to thanksgiving.