Understanding the Power of Thanksgiving Part 2

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Many Christians are said to be grounded today because they take God for granted but a life-style of thanksgiving would open up the destiny of a thanksgiver. This was the core of the message by the Chaplain, Covenant University, Pastor Charles Ihekwaba, at the Chapel Service of Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

Thanksgiving, according to him, should be an addiction, noting that, "When you become addicted to thanksgiving, destiny opens to you in grand-style, Psalm 91: 1-2, 1Peter 3: 13

Pastor Ihekwaba who spoke on, "Understanding the Power of Thanksgiving," emphasised that an individual's degree of gratitude would determine his level of greatness, 1Thessalonians 5: 18, Hebrews 10: 36. Thanksgiving moves God to perform wonders in the lives of those who are addicted to it. When we give thanks to God for what He has done, we remind Him of the remaining, Luke 7: 15."

He said that thanksgiving is the celebration of the acts of God in the lives of believers. He added that it is the most fertile ground for miracles as nothing grows in the hands of ingrate, Psalm 103: 1-5, Psalm 118: 23, Psalm 67: 5-7.

Pastor Ihekwaba noted that thanksgiving is a must because it is a seal for answered prayer, Philippians 4: 6-7. He listed reasons for thanksgiving, which include God's faithfulness in one's life, Psalm 91: 1-2,Psalm 145: 8-9; for ones anticipated victory over enemies, 2Chronicles 20: 22-24; to keep the anointing for conquest fresh in one's life, Psalm 92: 10-11 and to keep the spring of joy welling up in one's soul, Ecclesiastes 2: 10.

Joy, according to him, is an essential requirement for thanksgiving, even as he warned the congregation to beware of murmuring which is the sign of ingratitude, 1Corinthians 10: 10, Numbers 11: 1-3. "To maintain your joy, stop burden over your negative past, Isaiah 43: 19; never allow your present challenge to damage your joy; believe that your future is brighter, Proverbs 4: 18 and always feed your spirit man with the word of God, Jeremiah 15: 16," he advised.