

## **Understanding The Power Of Thanksgiving - Part 2** **A Message Delivered By Pastor Charles Ihekweaba**

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Thanksgiving moves God to perform wonders in the lives of those who indulge in the practice (1 Thessalonians 5:18; Hebrews 10:36).

When we give God thanks for what he has done, we remind him of what remains (Luke 17:11-19). Thanksgiving is the most vital ground for the eruption of miracles, signs and wonders (John 11:41-44).

Thanksgiving is not what we do because we are asked to do it. It's what we do with understanding. If you can think, you can give thanks. We must be very careful not to murmur (1 Corinthians 10:10; Psalm 78:49; Numbers 11:1-10).

### **What Is Thanksgiving?**

- A celebration of the acts of God in our midst (Psalm 102:1-5; Psalm 118:23)
- It is a seal for answered prayers (Philippians 4:6-7).

### **What Are We Thanking God For?**

- We thank Him for his faithfulness (Psalm 92:2-3; Psalm 145).
- For anticipated victories over our enemies.
- For fresh anointing (Psalm 92:10-1; Isaiah 10:27).
- So we keep scaling higher heights (Habakkuk 3:13).
- To keep the spring of joy welling up from our soul (Ecclesiastes 2:10; 1 Kings 5:32; Isaiah 12:3; Acts 16:25). Thanksgiving provokes joy which destroys every affliction in your body (Proverbs 17:22). Those who are addicted to celebration never become victims of frustration.

### **How to Retain Your Joy**

- Stop brooding over your negative past, Isaiah 43:19, "I will do a new thing."
- Believe you are what God says you are.
- Believe that your future is better than your past (Proverbs 24:18).
- Always fill your spirit man with the Word of God.