

Understanding the Power of Thanksgiving Part 3

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“Thanksgiving among others is a platform for fulfillment of prophecy, 1Thessalonians 5: 18. Irrespective of what is happening around you, you owe God thanks.” So says the Chaplain, Covenant University, Pastor Charles Ihekwa on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, while teaching on “Understanding the Power of Thanksgiving,” during the Chapel Service.

Pastor Ihekwa emphasised that without thanksgiving, no one can receive any blessing of heaven. “Thanksgiving moves God to perform His miracles in the lives of those that give thanks,” he said, adding that, “Any ungrateful person never succeeds in life. When we give God thanks for what He has done, we remind Him of what remains.

“Nothing moves God like thanksgiving. Only the truly thankful can be truly joyful. Joy is an essential requirement for praise that works. That’s why we need to guide against the spirit of murmuring, 1Corinthians 10: 10, Numbers 11: 1-3. Thanksgiving should be our lifestyle if we must see the promise of God come to pass in our lives,” he advised.

The Chaplain defined thanksgiving as appreciation of the present in anticipation of the future, John 6: 6-12, noting that we give thanks because it is a platform for multiplication, Jeremiah 30: 19 and the breath in our nostril has its source in God, Psalm 150: 6.

He enumerated four things we need to thank God for which include His wonderful works in our lives Psalm 103: 1-5; for things we are persuaded of in the word of God, Romans 4: 20-21, 2Timothy 1: 12; for things we anticipated, such as supernatural restoration, John 11: 40-44 and for scaling higher height in life, Habakkuk 3: 19.

Pastor Ihekwa warned that it is very risky to be ungrateful to God, Psalm 68: 19, Jeremiah 13: 15, because it turns blessings to curses, Malachi 2: 2-3; and one would be unable to fight any battle, Psalm 78: 9 which ultimately leads to destruction, Psalm 28: 5.