

The Mystery of Thanksgiving

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Nothing erodes a heart of gratitude like pride, (Jeremiah 13:13-15). Thanksgiving has to be done on time. Belated thanksgiving is unacceptable. It's not enough to give thanks, we must give God thanks on time. It has to be done on time, or the blessing will turn to curses.

There is danger in the pride of accomplishment. Anything marvelous is the Lord's doing (Psalm 118:28). All our abilities are of grace and we must acknowledge that it is God at work and not our skills. We must beware of thinking that we did it, in order not to fall into the same mistake as Nebuchadnezzar, (Daniel 4:25).

Many great names don't last long in their greatness because of pride. When you take the place of God, you fall into a trap, (Acts 12:21). We are just mere channels; whenever we claim to be the doers, He takes us off the scene, (Daniel 11:32).

If you don't give Him thanks, He turns your glory into shame. Never appropriate results to yourself, or you will lose it. To take God for granted is to be grounded. I am not behind the happenings in Covenant University, Jesus is, He does it.

Three Fundamental Benefits of Thanksgiving

- It guarantees the preservation of our testimonies - You must lay it to heart to give God thanks, (Malachi 2:2; Isaiah 29:13).
- Multiplication of His blessings - thanksgiving triggers multiplication of God's blessings in our lives both as individuals and as an institution, (Mathew 14:13-21). You never run out of blessing as a committed thanks giver.
- Perfection of His blessings - Only God can perfect what He started.

