

Launching Text: Ps 35:27 Let them shout for joy and be glad that favor (prefer and believe in) my righteous cause; yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of His servants.

Ps 68:19 Blessed be the Lord who daily loads us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.

1-Thess 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Preaching Text: 3John verse 2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou may prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospers.

Intro: God wants the believer to live a life of thanksgiving because of His blessings. We are daily loaded with His benefits. Burdens may plague us, but blessings are on their way, so show thankfulness to God because your breakthrough and take through is coming.

1. SHOW THANKFULNESS FOR THE ADORATION OF GOD

3-John verse 2a "Beloved" *You are loved whether you believe it or not---but we ought to*

Receive the love that God has for us. Be loved. God loves you so much to give you heaven and not hell.

2-Pet 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering to us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

1. Show Thankfulness For God's Love is Aimed at Us

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

2. Show Thankfulness For God's Love is Arranged for Us

Romans 5:8 But God commends (showed) His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

3. Show Thankfulness For God's Love is Affirmed To Us

Rom 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Rom 8:35-39 Who (or what) shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long: we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

4. Show Thankfulness For God's Love Should be Accepted by Us.

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John 14:21 He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth Me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

2. SHOW THANKFULNESS FOR THE EXPECTATION FROM GOD

3-John verse 2b "I wish above all things that thou may prosper and be in health"

If God expects the believer to prosper, don't you think that He will do His part?!

Prov 28:20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

Ps 112:1-3 Blessed in the man that fears the Lord, that delights greatly in His commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon the earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house; and his righteousness endures for ever.

Prov 13:18 Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuses instruction; but he that regards reproof shall be honored.

1. Show Thankfulness By Being Faithful to Hear The Word

(Hear=Greek=shaw'maw' = to listen intelligently & do)

Mark 4:23-25 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. And he (Jesus) said unto them, Take heed what ye hear; with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given. For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken away even that which he hath.

Mal 2:2-3 If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the Lord of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse you blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. Behold I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it.

1. Show Thankfulness By Being Faithful to Hear The Word2. Show Thankfulness By Being Faithful to Say The Word

Hearken=Hebrew=meh'ode'= to hear and say louder & louder speedily & do

Duet 28:1-2 And it shall come to pass, if thou shall hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to all His commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord will set thee on high above all nations of the earth; And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shall hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he says.

2-Cor 4:13 We having the same Spirit of faith according as it is written, I believed and therefore I have spoken, we believe and therefore we speak.

Prov 13:2-3 A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth, but he soul of the transgressors shall eat violence. He that keeps his mouth keeps his life: but he that opens wide his lips shall have destruction.

Ps 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

3. Show Thankfulness By Being Faithful to See The Word

"observe=Hebrew=shaw'mar'= to hedge about, to see & protect, to see & do)

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Prov 4:25-27 Let thine eyes look right on; let thine eyelids look straight before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right or the left. Remove thy foot from evil

4. Show Thankfulness By Being Faithful To Do the Word

Duet 28:13 And the Lord shall make thee the head and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only and not beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them.

John 2:5 His mother saith unto the servants, whatsoever He says unto you, do it.

Mat 7:24-27 Therefore whosoever hears these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not for it was founded upon a rock. And everyone that hears these sayings of mine and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand; And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell and great was the fall of it.

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

3. SHOW THANKFULNESS FOR THE DECLARATION BY GOD

3-John verse 2c "even as thy soul prospers"

Notice God is saying that if your soul does not prosper----you will not prosper!

Ps 25:14 The secret of the Lord is with them that fear (reverence) Him; and He will show them His covenant.

1. Show Thankfulness For Education

Ps 25:12-13 What man is he that fears the Lord? Him shall He (the Lord) teach in the way that He shall chose.

2. Show Thankfulness For Salvation

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.

Ps 37:39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord; He is their strength in the time of trouble.

3. Show Thankfulness For Sanctification

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore brethren that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service.

1-Pet 1:15-16 But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation (living) because it is written, Be ye holy for I am holy.

Rom 6:12 Let not sin reign in your mortal body that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

4. Show Thankfulness For Saturation

Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.

Act 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men see visions and your old men dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

Luke 11:13 If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him.

5. Show Thankfulness For Manifestation

Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe: in my name shall they cast out devils; They shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me the works that I do shall he do also and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father.

6. Show Thankfulness By Glorification

1-Pet 4:11 If any many speak let him speak the oracles of God; If any man minister, let him do it with the ability God gives that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ; to Him be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.