

"WOMEN WHO LOVE THE WORD" DVD CLASS

Wednesday Class, JANUARY 6 OR Sunday Class, JANUARY 3

"GRADUATING IN GRATITUDE", Steven Furtick.

Fill in the blanks as you listen during class time.

DEUTERONOMY 8:7-18

"FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS BRINGING YOU INTO A GOOD LAND—A LAND WITH BROOKS, STREAMS, & DEEP SPRINGS GUSHING OUT INTO THE VALLEYS & HILLS; A LAND WITH WHEAT & BARLEY, VINES & FIG TREES, POMEGRANATES, OLIVE OIL & HONEY; A LAND WHERE BREAD WILL NOT BE SCARCE & YOU WILL LACK NOTHING; A LAND WHERE THE ROCKS ARE IRON & YOU CAN DIG COPPER OUT OF THE HILLS. WHEN YOU HAVE EATEN & ARE SATISFIED, PRAISE THE LORD YOUR GOD FOR THE GOOD LAND HE HAS GIVEN YOU. BE CAREFUL THAT YOU DO NOT FORGET THE LORD YOUR GOD, FAILING TO OBSERVE HIS COMMANDS, HIS LAWS & HIS DECREES THAT I AM GIVING YOU THIS DAY. OTHERWISE, WHEN YOU EAT & ARE SATISFIED, WHEN YOU BUILD FINE HOUSES & SETTLE DOWN, & WHEN YOUR HERDS & FLOCKS GROW LARGE & YOUR SILVER & GOLD INCREASE & ALL YOU HAVE IS MULTIPLIED, THEN YOUR HEART WILL BECOME PROUD & YOU WILL FORGET THE LORD YOUR GOD, WHO BROUGHT YOU OUT OF EGYPT, OUT OF THE LAND OF SLAVERY. HE LED YOU THROUGH THE VAST & DREADFUL WILDERNESS, THAT THIRSTY & WATERLESS LAND, WITH ITS VENOMOUS SNAKES & SCORPIONS. HE BROUGHT YOU WATER OUT OF HARD ROCK. HE GAVE YOU MANNA TO EAT IN THE WILDERNESS, SOMETHING YOUR ANCESTORS HAD NEVER KNOWN, TO HUMBLE & TEST YOU SO THAT IN THE END IT MIGHT GO WELL WITH YOU. YOU MAY SAY TO YOURSELF, "MY POWER & THE STRENGTH OF MY HANDS HAVE PRODUCED THIS WEALTH FOR ME." BUT REMEMBER THE LORD YOUR GOD, FOR IT IS HE WHO GIVES YOU THE ABILITY TO PRODUCE WEALTH, & SO CONFIRMS HIS COVENANT, WHICH HE SWORE TO YOUR ANCESTORS, AS IT IS TODAY."

GRADUATING IN GRATITUDE: YOUR NEXT LEVEL IS ONLY **ONE PRAISE AWAY**.

1. Be careful! God's gifts alone are not able to give you joy. They can only bring you joy when they are joined with your **G** _____. But if you don't know how to turn the blessing into praise it will turn to **P** _____ in your heart and your life will never be filled with joy.
2. Happy people are not the ones who have the best of everything but those who **M** _____ the **M** _____ of everything they do have.
3. Having an attitude of gratitude doesn't always transfer to **B** _____. It seems that gratitude without **P** _____ may be a little like faith without works. It is not alive! We don't want to know if you have a grateful heart... but if you have grateful habits.

PSALM 107:2 "LET THE REDEEMED OF THE LORD SAY SO!!"

4. Moses said, "When you eat SAY THE **B** _____. While God is blessing you and pouring out provision for you, you ought not sit there and act like you **E** _____ it or act like you deserved it. OPEN UP YOUR MOUTH AND SING.

DEUT. 8:10 **"WHEN YOU HAVE EATEN YOUR FILL, BE SURE TO PRAISE THE LORD YOUR GOD FOR THE GOOD LAND HE HAS GIVEN YOU."**

5. BOTTOM LEVEL OF GRATITUDE: I thank God "FOR THE" _____ (fill in the blank with something you are thankful for). Moses is teaching us at the KIDDIE TABLE. Perhaps happiness is not about **A** _____ as much it is about **A** _____.
6. YOUR PRAISE IS PAST DUE!!! Maybe that is why there has been no **P** _____ in your life lately, cause there has not been any praise. Give Jesus a praise!! Are you walking in blessings that used to be your prayer request and you haven't even stopped to circle them and say thank you, Lord??!!

7. "KIDDIE TABLE" GRATITUDE: The kind of Christian who only thanks God when He is **S**_____ me.
8. It's not **M**_____ gratitude to thank God for what He has already given to you. That is just good manners & politeness.

PSALM 23:4 "EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE DARKEST VALLEY, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR YOU ARE WITH ME; YOUR ROD & YOUR STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME."

9. BOTTOM LEVEL OF GRATITUDE, "FOR THE": The KIDDIE TABLE, is the table where you thank God for what you CAN SEE. MIDDLE LEVEL OF GRATITUDE, "EVEN THOUGH": The BANQUET TABLE is the table where you learn to trust God with what you **C**_____ **S**_____. Even though... I move beyond being only grateful for his provision and move to thanking Him for His **P**_____.

PSALM 23:5 "YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES."

10. Can you keep your eyes fixed on the **P**_____ of **G**_____ in the presence of your ENEMIES?? David says that God made my enemies serve me my entree. God made the things that conspire to take me out feed me for the place He was bringing me in to--- I have a seat at the table. I am a big boy! I can handle trouble! I can handle tests! I can handle it in God's presence!
11. I JOHN 4:4 "GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN ME THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD." Wouldn't it be great if you could turn the tables on your fear today and make the thing that was coming after you serve the **P**_____ of God in your life?
12. When you praise God in pain it is preparation for **P**_____. If you can keep your seat and don't go back over to the Kiddie Table... whining and complaining... I don't like kale... **G**_____ **U**_____!! God has been good to you! He knows the plans He has for you. Shove your neighbor and say... Grow up!!

PHILIPPIANS 1:17-18 "THE FORMER PREACH CHRIST OUT OF SELFISH AMBITION, NOT SINCERELY, SUPPOSING THAT THEY CAN STIR UP TROUBLE FOR ME WHILE I AM IN CHAINS. BUT WHAT DOES IT MATTER? THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT IN EVERY WAY, WHETHER FROM FALSE MOTIVES OR TRUE, CHRIST IS PREACHED. AND BECAUSE OF THIS I REJOICE. YES, & I WILL CONTINUE TO REJOICE, FOR I KNOW THAT THROUGH YOUR PRAYERS & GOD'S PROVISION OF THE SPIRIT OF JESUS CHRIST WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO ME WILL TURN OUT FOR MY DELIVERANCE."

13. THIRD LEVEL OF GRATITUDE: "**B**_____ OF": I came into your kitchen today, God, to give You praise for whatever you are cooking up in my life and I want to THANK YOU FOR EVERY INGREDIENT that you allow in my life cause I know that you know the plans You have for me (Jer. 29:11). If it didn't serve God's purpose He wouldn't have let it get into your pot. All things work together for good (Rom. 8:28-29).

PSALM 34:8 "O TASTE & SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD!!!"

14. I don't ask what is in the pot anymore cause I **T**_____ the cook. I am not a little baby drooling on my bib and drinking on my bottle. I just don't want to sit at the table and wait for God's blessing to come. PAUL SAID... I CONTINUE TO REJOICE... YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEEL GRATEFUL TO BE GRATEFUL.

ANSWER KEY FOR "GRADUATING IN GRATITUDE"

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| 1. GRATITUDE, PRIDE | 2. MAKE THE MOST | 3. BEHAVIOR, PRACTICE | 4. BLESSING, EARNED |
| 5. ACCUMULATION, APPRECIATION | 6. POWER | 7. SERVING | 8. MATURE |
| 9. CANNOT SEE, PRESENCE | 10. PRESENCE OF GOD | 11. PURPOSE | 12. PROVISION, GROW UP |
| 13. BECAUSE | 14. TRUST | | |

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