

What are you GRATEFUL for? And have you THANKED God?

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I came to realize that sometimes it's easy to take advantage of the daily things we are privilege to have in our day to day life, and when Thanksgiving in the United States of America comes around, we all sit with our families and friends and talk about how we are grateful for food, water, a bed, a home, a job, for parents, for children, for friends, and pets. And in Christian homes we take it a step further and say we are thankful for Jesus and the salvation we have through Him which is eternal life. With all of these, I agree 100 percent!

But have you ever been grateful for your Spiritual gifts and abilities and the gift of the Holy Spirit?? Have you ever taken the time to say, "God I am grateful to you because you have given me ALL POWER over the enemy!" or "Thank you God for giving me the Gift of the Holy Spirit!"

You may ask "What is the gift of the Holy Spirit? What is it used for? Do I have a Spiritual gift?" According to the Bible, The gift of the Spirit is the power to witness: Act 1:8 "but ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

God has also given us Spiritual gifts used for His purpose to bring Glory to His Name. Some of these gifts may be the gift of prophesy, ministering, teaching, showing mercy, etc., shown in Rom. 12:6-8, and these are just some of the characteristics of God. And did you know that the Holy Spirit will work hand-in-hand with you, teaching you how to administrate your spiritual gifts? John 14:26, "But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

Although God can give us each a different gift, one thing is for certain, He gave ALL of us the same Spiritual abilities! Through Jesus Christ, we have the ability to cast out demons, heal the sick (including ourselves), set the captives free, come before His throne, and so much more!

What an awesome God we serve!!!! God has not only given us His only begotten Son in which we have eternal life, He has also given us a wonderful Helper. A Helper who will always be there to teach you and I all things and who will help us tap into the supernatural through the Spiritual gifts given to us by God!

Now that's something to be grateful for! And don't forget 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

In Him,
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