

The Fragrance of Thanksgiving

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Thanksgiving is an attitude of appreciation and gratitude to God for something received from Him or for what He has done. By heaven's protocol, thanksgiving precedes praise. Only a thankful heart can be praiseful.

Yadah is the Hebrew word for giving thanks. Praise offers double-blessedness as seen in the leper Samaritan in Luke 17:15-17. He was not only cleansed but healed! Every act of thanksgiving qualifies you for the greater blessings. The force of thanksgiving was what lifted Lazarus out of the grave, where he had been dead and stinking for four days. Thanksgiving adds colour to your victorious experience, and flavour your favour, as everything around you begin to respond positively and fruitfully.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

Psalm 103:2

There is an adage in the African saying, "If you do not know how to think, you will never know how to thank." Every time man is in problem, he tends to forget all the benefits he had enjoyed. If you forget His benefits, He forgets your welfare, your needs remain needs.

Do not let your needs blind you, always take stock of God's blessings and goodness. Ingratitude is the reason for your undoing. The God you ignore cannot be the source of your blessings. When you forget His benefits, the dew of favour diminishes.

What you do to God determine what He does to you, for whatever a man sows, that will he reap. You do not bombard heaven with your needs. Rather you approach the throne with hallowing words of grace and the gates will lift up their heads for your access, and favour will be released to you. The reason many are "reducing" is because they are forgetful. Be ever mindful of God's goodness and no devil has the opportunity to curse you. Be ever thankful and every barrenness will become loads of blessings.