

GIVING THANKS

"Everything has come from you and everything belongs to you." 1 Chron. 29:16 (NCV)

I'M GRATEFUL TO GOD. . .

1. FOR THE GRACE HE'S SHOWN TO ME

"You have been saved by grace through believing. You did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God." Eph. 2:8 (NCV)

"I will...not forget the glorious things God does for me. He forgives all my sins. He heals me. He ransoms me from hell. He surrounds me with love...He fills my life with good things...He is merciful and tender toward those who don't deserve it; He is slow to get angry...He never bears a grudge...He has not punished us as we deserve for our sins." Ps. 103:2-11 (LB)

2. FOR THE PLAN HE HAS FOR ME

"I have good plans for you, says the Lord. I don't plan to hurt you. I plan to give you hope and a good future." Jer. 29:11 (ICB)

3. FOR THE HOME HE'S PREPARED FOR ME

"We know that our body...will be destroyed. But when that happens, God will have a house for us. It will not be a house made by human hands; instead, it will be a home in heaven that will last forever." 2 Cor. 5:1 (NCV)

REUNITED

REWARDED

REASSIGNED

RELEASED

"God has reserved for his children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And God, in his mighty power, will make sure that you get there safely to receive it because you are trusting him...So be truly glad!" 1 Pet. 1:4-6 (LB)

4. FOR CHANGES HE'S MAKING IN ME

"For God is working in you, giving you the desire to obey him and the power to do what pleases him." Phil. 2:13 (NLT)

"And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more." 2 Cor. 3:18b (NLT)

Changed Lives

HOW TO GIVE THANKS

1. BY SINGING

"Sing out your thanks to him; sing praises to our God..." Ps. 147:7 (LB)

2. BY SERVING

"Since we have a Kingdom that nothing can destroy, let us please God by serving him with thankful hearts." Heb. 12:28 (LB)

3. BY GIVING

"Give an offering to show thanks to God. Give him what you promised." Ps. 50:14 (NCV)

"Celebrate the Harvest Festival, to honor the Lord your God by bringing him a freewill offering in proportion to the blessing He has given you." Deut. 16:10 (GN)

Review my commitment

Renew my commitment

Out-do my commitment

4. BY TELLING

"Thank the Lord! Praise His name! Tell the world about his wondrous love and how mighty he is!" Isa. 12:4