

### Flourishing in the Rain 3

## Increasing the Rain of His Blessings and Miracles

As we learn to be grateful for what we have and focus on what is right and not what is wrong, you will enjoy life more and experience God's multiplying power.

**Key** to bring in more rain of His blessings and miracles – being **grateful** and **thankful** – what have

Many don't realise – **reason** not **happy** – simply – **train** mind – **resentful** – **don't** have, only see – what's **wrong**

1 Kings 18:38-41

"Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain." NKJV

**Key** see more rain – learn **thankful** – grateful – **umbrella** ready – matter of time  
**Get ready** – umbrella - **matter** of time bef – that cloud opens up – unload overflowing blessings

**John 11:41-43**

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ... 43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" NIV

**One of the greatest** miracle

– raise L – dead 4 days – simple thankful prayer – I thank you - heard

### 1. Be thankful for what you already have and experience joy and multiplying power

**John 6:5-10**

5 When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" ... 7 Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" 8 Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, 9 "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" NIV

The **quickest** way – loose joy - **unhappy** – focus – what **don't** have

**1 Thess 5:16-18**

16 Be joyful always; 17 pray continually; 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you **IN CHRIST JESUS**. NIV

Point is – things **may not** be – going our way – rough - always be **reason** to be **thankful** for – **in** Christ – **resting**

How can we give thanks when we are not living in perfect situation?

Oh just got this little **flat** – thank God – great **rel**

May not have 10 cars – in Christ - riches – Rel that make place sweet - **20 rooms**

20 rooms mansion - Don't have love - one cold place medieval castle

Oh – **this car** - barely had any air cond

Oh – if more **money** – you know what - heard of **wealthy** – **long** your health

Oh this car barely had air cond – grateful – some love to have your car

More money – happy

– story of one of the wealthiest man in world – more than bill – prob – no health – years going from hosp to hosp – love to have your health

You **may not** have much money – if you have **health** – extremely wealthy

– **walk** – **talk** – **see** – you have something that that **billionaire cannot** even buy

Set you **goals** high – but be happy – where you are

**Grateful** - when get out of **bed** – without need any help

– told your **leg** to walk – they obey

– went to kitchen – had food to eat - some – too much

Oh – my - hair turning **grey** – thank – not turning **loose**

Some too late

Oh - Can't **sleep** – thank God - bed

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**Luke 17:17-19**

17 Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? 18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19 Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." NIV

What does thankfulness do to your emotion?

9 healed – one **whole** – thankful

**Gratefulness makes you wholesome and enjoy life more.**

**Able to face and overcome setbacks**

**quicker**

Heard story - **couple** – teen son killed

– pas saw them in ch foll week – praising

God – pas asked - how overcome so

fast? – thank God – has him as long as we did –

Lot – angry – hate God – drop out of ch

**Rude** – harsh – thank – not like them

Oh – the **place** – this prob that prob –

Don't have to **wait** – perfect – **blessed**

In the world – **not of** this world

Not just anyone – **child** – **ambassador**

Times of famine - plenty

Be thankful for what **little** you have - **multi**

**Mark 6:38**

38 "How many loaves **do you have?**" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five-and two fish." NIV

Don't take little things for **granted**

John 6:11

And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, **as much as they wanted.** NKJV

**Stuck traffic – walk 3 blocks go office – prayed fav**

Stuck in traffic – peo that don't have car

Walk 3 blocks just to go work –

Pray for favor – never work for me – instead sour – got legs can walk – eyes can see

**Tough day office - Didn't get the promotion**

– no big deal – God has something better in store

– thank God – job

*(Someone says) I am thankful ...*

For the husband who snores all night, because he is at home asleep with me and not with someone else.

For the taxes that I pay because it means that I am employed.

For a floor that needs mopping, and windows that need cleaning because it means I have a home.

For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I have legs.

For the noise I have to bear from my neighbours because it means that I can hear.

For the pile of laundry and ironing because it means I have clothes to wear.

For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been capable of working hard.

For the alarm that certainly goes off in the early morning hours because it means that I am still alive.

**I. Be thankful for what is right, instead of what is wrong increases your worth**

2 Kings 6:13-16

And the report came back: "Elisha is at Dothan." 14 So one night the king of

**Aram sent a great army with many chariots and horses to surround the city.**

Strong force raised – against Elisha

**Here - outnumbered 10,000 to one – vict**

15 When the servant of the man of God got up early the next morning and went outside, there were troops, horses, and chariots everywhere.

"Ah, my lord, what will we do now?" he cried out to Elisha.

NLT

**Elisha prayed – open their eyes!**

**2 Kings 6:17b**

"O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. NIV

**Develop the habit of seeing what is right, not what is wrong.**

**Habit – looking at the worst – what's wrong – instead of what's right**

**New reno house – roses – restaurant – ch**

Walk into a **new house** – beautifully deco – instead of seeing a thou things that are right – one small

**Restaurant** – upset – one little thing not right – rob of enjoyable even

Restaurant – angry w a rude waiter – grumbling all the way back home, Upset over a stupid waiter – now if you are so stuck up becous of a stupid waiter – what does it say about you! No better of than a stupid waiter!

I don't like **lighting** – seats – usher – car park – missed the message

– failed to see Jesus – miss rev and insight that can bring the breakthru for your life or business

Don't like pastor's tie colour, hair (miss)- Thk God he has hair

- miss the key message!

**No matter how good a thing is – if you want**

to find **fault** – you can always find it

There will be some faults – weakness –

**Key reason – rel breakdown – habit looking at the negative**

**Never throw rubbish – never spend time w me – always late**

**Girl– date guy – observe- deals w little things - habitual fault - one day**

Complain on every thing – govt, parent, ch, one day – he will complain about you

**On the other hand – if want – always find something good – thankful about**

**Hosp – 2 – sharing room – man closest to window tell what the saw**

– beautiful sun rise – kids playing – trees blooming

Parade – marching band – playing celebrating

The other man – opposite - cannot get out of bed

– cannot wait what that guy saw outside

Weeks later - died – given the bed – by window – surprise – opp - break wall – 15 away

Hey what going on – thot he telling – saw

Nurse: sir – friend blind – see things on inside

**Be thankful for all the people that God places in your life.**

How to be thankful for the people God place in our live?

**Thankful for you wife**

Everyone is **unique** – unique weakness

**Proverbs 31:28-29**

28 Her children arise and call her blessed;her husband also, and he praises her: 29 "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." NIV

Whatever you appreciate increase value.

Many wo don't appre wife – **until** someone else appre her

All of sudden **long** for her – same wo

Cole's experience

**Thankful** for your **husb**

**Eph 5:33**

"... Let the wife see that she **RESPECTS** and reverences her husband -- that she notices him, regards him, honors him, prefers him, and esteems him; and that she defers to him, praises him, and loves and admires him exceedingly. Amp

Dont **remodel** that man – into your image

**Appre** – thankful – accept – how God made him – he is **different**

Cant stand smell - **dust**

Man – formed – **dust**

Wo - formed – **side** - Not dust

- rib – cell - delicate

Now you understand: Nat for man to be dirty – Generally

Go bath first – why - bathed already yesterday

Don't mean you don't **help** him

– do so with respect and acceptance

Don't **tear** down image of your husb bef **people** and esp **kids**

Studies – shown **main cause** of ma breakdown – affairs – don't **appre** till

– felt not accepted – respected – don't **appre until**

Wife don't **appreciate** man – until someone else in office appreciate

Dont always focussing – what is **wrong** – but what is **right**

Be **pict** of grace not law

**friendly** – courteous – **fun**

Like the Mosaic **law** – **cannot** do this that – **preaches** – moral -dump verses down throat – **HE-BREWS**

If your husb sees you as HM – you are in trouble

More he feels uneasy – condemned – more he sins

**Rom 7:5**

5 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death. NKJV

**Rom 6:14**

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. NKJV

**See** him – transform

*Grace lifts us up to what we can be.*

Of couse – not mean – we allow ourselves to be abused – phy – financially – know when to say NO

But if – full of grace – when need to put foot down – NO – peo will listen

Focus on his **strength** - Never **compare**

your husb with someone else

Never bring **flowers** – **candle** light

Don't **comparing** him to **Romeo** over there – **provide** – make **approaches** to every wo in street

May not be most romantic – hard worker – provide – so romantic – every lady is a lover Appe – great provider for family

**Thankful** for **kids** – why have?– **enjoy** them - God's gift – **chores** - **sleep**

Ai ya nowadays – hard to raise kids – got to sent tuition ... **fun**

Cant **sleep** – middle of nite – one day – wished hear sound of little footsteps

Thankful God - **in-law** = in-grace - gave – without them – no spouse –

**pas** – that is the problem – they gave me the real prob!

Still can give thanks - Help you dev patience

How to treasure the people God place in your life?

**Psa 90:12**

12 Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom (skilful and living well). NIV

Life too **precious** – appre every **sec** - every **person**

Have you told him – love – appre presence

Too often not grateful – until almost – **taken** away – when get back new appre

Man told – got - worst kind of **cancer** – eat bone – spread – devastated

– basketball – depression – did a operation – just a bone cyst – woke – good news – wept like baby – now –whole new perspective

Don't let – almost taken away – bef appre what have

Wait for Christmas to give gifts –

thanksgiving to give thanks – valentine day to express love – say to self – today just ordinary day

While we wait – clock ticks – precious moments passes by – in reality – no such thing as an ordinary day – every day – gift – unique – irreplaceable – used or misused – invest or wasted

Make most of every day

Have you told – kids – parent – how much you love them

**Do that** – inc value – lift up what can be – **miracle** - multiply