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Be ye Thankful!

by: Rick Renner

This is the month when people in the United States are especially thinking about “thankfulness” or “thanksgiving.” Since this is such a prominent subject in the Bible, today I want to talk to you about the power of thankfulness and also what happens when people are *unthankful*.

As I begin my teaching this month, I want us to see what the word “*unthankful*” means, but to do that, let’s first look at the word “thankful.” The word “thankful” that is primarily used throughout the New Testament is a translation of the Greek word *charistos*. The word *charistos* is a derivative of the word *charis*, which is the New Testament word for *grace*. However, when the word *charis* is transformed into *charistos*, it more fully expresses the idea of one whose heart is *thankful*, *grateful*, or *appreciative* for various reasons.

One scholar says the Greek word *charistos* depicts *an inward awareness of having been fortunate or well-treated*. Thus, the word “thankful” — translated from *charistos* — projects the deep inward feeling of one who is *thankful*, *grateful*, or *appreciative* for what one has received or how one has been treated by others.

All three words — “thankfulness,” “gratitude,” and “appreciation” — are the expressions of a person who is thankful he has experienced some good event or blessing. They depict someone who is grateful toward the person or people who treated him kindly and is appreciative of what has happened. These words also communicate the *recognition* of his thankfulness, gratitude, and appreciation of his many blessings.

But the Holy Spirit prophesied in Second Timothy 3:2 that many in society will become “*unthankful*” in the last days. The word “unthankful” is the Greek word *acharistos* — the word *charistos* with an *a* affixed to the front of it. That little *a* has a canceling effect and literally changes the meaning of this word from *thankful* to *unthankful*. For example, though a person was once thankful, something has occurred and his thankfulness has been canceled. A *thankful* person has become an *unthankful* person.

In other words, though this person or society once had a thankful attitude, for some reason that same person (or people) *lost* his thankful, grateful, and appreciative attitude, and has become *unthankful*. Now, *unthankfulness* is *ingratitude*.

become *unthankful*. Now *unthankfulness*, *ingratitude*, and *unappreciativeness* have filled his heart and mind. Rather than be *thankful* for what he has experienced or for the blessing he has received — rather than be *grateful* toward the people who have treated him kindly — rather than be *appreciative* for what has happened and recognize how appreciative he is for it, he has become *unthankful*. He is filled with *ingratitude*, and he is *unappreciative* of others and what they have done for him. Simply put, he is the picture of an *ingrate*!

But in Second Timothy 3:2, the Holy Spirit uses the Greek word “unthankful” — the Greek *acharistos* — to tell us many will depart from a thankful attitude and will transition into a state of *unthankfulness*. Yes, an *unthankful* attitude will rise up until its grip has seized society at the end of the age.

Unthankfulness is so wicked that in Luke 6:35, Jesus connects it with evil. He said, “...Love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the *unthankful* and to the *evil*.”

Jesus’ words posture the characteristic of being “unthankful” in the same category as “evil.” This most assuredly tells us that an *unthankful* attitude is *evil* in God’s sight. It is simply spiritually criminal not to be thankful for what we have in life, even if it seems like what we have is *little* compared to someone else’s blessings.

And even if we feel we’ve worked hard and earned what we have, we *still* should be profusely thankful for the fact that what we have was given to us by God. Our jobs and opportunities could have been given to someone else, but they were graciously given to us. Others who need a job and a salary would be thankful to have your position and your income. There are people all over the world who do not have shelter, warmth, and clean water, but you likely have access to it every day. When you remember that, it will help you to be *thankful* for what you have and for every blessing that comes your way.

But unfortunately, we live in an end-time season when people are so *self*-focused and *self*-consumed that they are rarely grateful for anything — and if they *are* grateful, that attitude is often short-lived and soon forgotten.

The Bible commands us “be ye thankful” and “in everything, give thanks” (see Colossians 3:15; 1 Thessalonians 5:18). Even if things seem to be going wrong all around us, we can still stop to count our blessings! We may feel besieged by need at the present moment, but the fact is, we each have many reasons to be thankful. In

but the fact is, we each have many reasons to be thankful! In Second Timothy 3:2, Paul forewarned us that many in the last days would become *unthankful*. It is a warning every one of us should heed.

At this time of the year when we are especially reminded to stop and think about what we are thankful, grateful, and appreciative for, it would be good for us to consider whether we have been thankful, grateful, and appreciative all year round! Even if we've been through hard times, those times could have been even harder, and we can think of much to be thankful, grateful, and appreciative for *right now*, while we're still going through our difficult time or struggle.

I'm not trying to attack anyone who is going through a hard time. We all go through hard times at various seasons in life. I simply believe it's healthy for each one of us to stop and reflect on what we have to be thankful for today and every day!

- What are you thankful for?
- What has God done for you this year that has been a blessing to you?
- What have others done for you that deserves a special *thank you*?

These are questions that are healthy to ask. Remember, Jesus said that unthankfulness is evil, so you and I DO NOT want to fall into that category! Better to self-correct and to be corrected than to end up in that awful condition of being unthankful! We simply need to put words of thanksgiving into our hearts and mouths!

I hope this letter has encouraged you. It has literally made me want to stop writing and start making a list of what I am thankful for in my life. Why don't you and I both take time to do this today!

Thanks for letting me share this from my heart with you. I think you can see I put a lot of thought and study into it. I take ministering to you very seriously, so I pray this has really strengthened you today!

<https://renner.org/article/be-ye-thankful/>

Highlights this Month

Guest Writers

Be ye Thankful - Rick Renner

Your Marriage vs Fort Knox

~~Our message to children~~
Jerry Jenkins-Focus on the Family

Announcements

WORSHIP SERVICE...10:30 AM

KIDS UNITED... 10:30 AM

Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following the morning praise & worship. Please Note: The 3rd Sunday of the month is Family Day & all children will remain in the sanctuary for service.

QUILTING MINISTRY

Mondays - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall
See Evelyn House for Details

Wednesday Evening

6:00-6:20 PM - Praise & Worship

6:20-6:50 PM - Preaching/Teaching

6:50-7:15 PM - Prayer

Beginning November 12th, our Wednesday Night Services will be in the Fellowship Hall so the kids can have play practice upstairs.

Teens United

Downstairs following Praise & Worship.
We continue teaching from the book "Why Tongue



Happy Birthday Pastor Jimmy! 🎈 Your New Life Family Celebrates you on your very special day this November 14th. May God's blessings be upon you in every way. May He grant you good health, happiness, and all the desires of your heart. May you continue to grow in faith and wisdom, and may His love and grace be your constant companions. Have a wonderful birthday filled with His divine favor and blessings. Love and Prayers to you! Your New Life Family is very thankful for you. 🎈 🎈 🎈



DON'T FORGET to set your clocks back 1 hour tonight.



If you would like to support the Richmond Campus and/or Bless the Blue financially, please mark your offering accordingly.

Nursery Workers Needed

We would love to have more hands to care for
our babies and toddlers on Sunday mornings!

See Pastor Melissa about volunteering in our Nursery. We thank you for
your heart to serve in your local church.

IMPACT Student Fall Encounter November 7-8th

Friday 7:00pm service

- concessions for purchase
after service

Saturday 9:00am

breakfast

- doughnuts (free) and
gourmet coffee for
purchase

- 10:00 am
Worship and
split Session

Family Worship Center

1053 Frankfort Rd

1035 Frankfort Rd,
Lawrenceburg



Saturday November 15th...3:00! the Kids will be going BOWLING 🎳🎳🎳...Meet at the church at 2:15; cost is \$4.75/game and \$4/shoe rental; bring snack money.

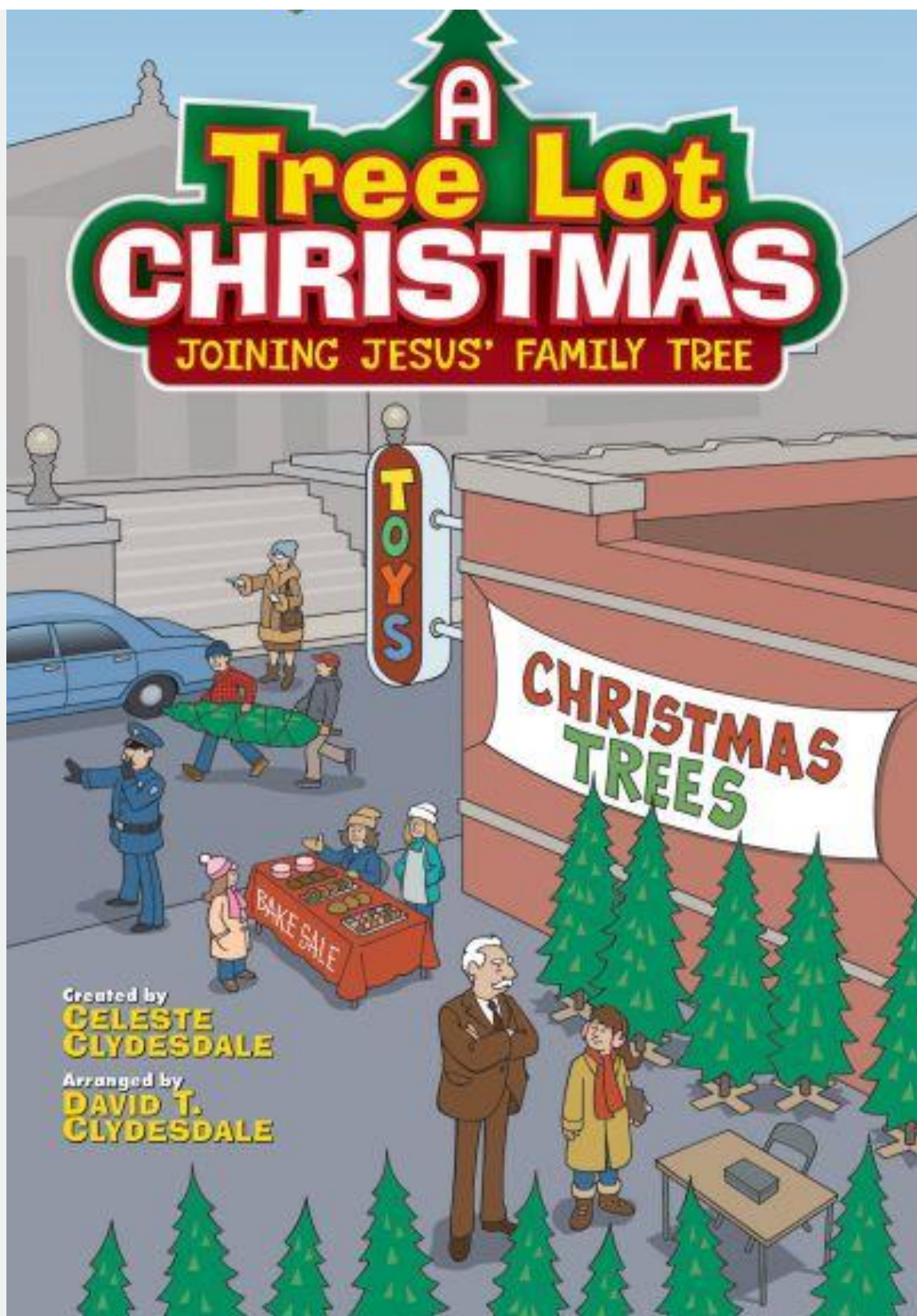
KEENAGERS

Saturday November 15th...9:30! The Keenagers will be going to First Watch restaurant in Frankfort. Let Teresa know if you will be joining us for a proper head count.



Beginning Sunday, December 7th, Pastor Jimmy begins a class entitled **ROOTED**. This class is for those between the **ages of 20 - 35 years old**, and will be held in the Teens United Room at 9:40 - 10:25 am. We encourage you to sign up today and get ready for your life to be impacted.





Save the Date for our upcoming Christmas Play. Sunday,
December 14th at 6:00 PM.

YOUR MARRIAGE VS FORT KNOX by Jerry Jenkins

Your heart deserves Fort Knox-levels of protection. Put Proverbs 4:23 into action and "Keep your heart with all vigilance."

Today's Scripture

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life" ([Proverbs 4:23, ESV](#)).

Today's Devotion

No one gets in Fort Knox without permission. It's surrounded by tanks, razor wire, and other security precautions we don't know about. It's one of the safest places on earth.

We do all that just to guard gold. Your heart is worth much, much more! It deserves Fort Knox-levels of protection.

How does this connect to your marriage?

Guard Your Heart

In a recent podcast with [Jerry Jenkins](#), you know the Left Behind guy! He reminded me of [Proverbs 4:23](#): "Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life" (ESV). This verse is just part of a list of instructions for life: listen to wisdom, guard your heart, watch your words, be mindful of what you look at (and where you tend to gaze), and follow God's path.

If that sounds like a tall order, that's because it is!

It's All About Your Heart.

What you think about, look at, or dwell on can make or break your relationship with your spouse.

Start building a "Fort Knox" for your heart. Use Scripture as a security system to screen your thoughts. If the thought doesn't line up with God's Word, it's got to go.

TAKE ACTION

- Memorize Proverbs 4:23 with your spouse.
- Check out our podcast with Jerry Jenkins to hear more here.
- Create a "heart security system" by naming one boundary each of you wants to put in place to guard your thoughts.
- Check out Jerry Jenkins book [Hedraes: 7 Ways to Love Your Wife and](#)

[Protect Your Marriage.](#)

One does not simply walk into Fort Knox. Sinful thoughts should not simply stroll through your mind. Guard your heart.

Today's Prayer

Heavenly Father, I can't do this on my own. Please guard me heart and guard our marriage. Amen.

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/marriage/your-marriage-vs-fort-knox/>



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- Venmo App - Search for NewLifeChurchKy in the business section
- Church Website - Newlifechurchky.com - click on the word give and give via PayPal
- Text to Give - Text the word give to 502-825-0018 and follow the promptings in the reply.

Thank you for your faithfulness.

