

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

DEEPLY ROOTED - Part 4

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Keep your roots deep in him and have your lives built on him. Be strong in the faith, just as you were taught, and always be thankful.

Colossians 2:7 (NCV)

Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshipping him with holy fear and awe.

Hebrews 12:28 (NLT)

The 4th Good Root – An Attitude of Gratitude

I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:12, 13 (NLT)

Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it.

1 Timothy 6:6, 7 (NLT)

THE ENEMIES OF CONTENTMENT:

1. When we Covet what other people have.

(God) *"You must not covet your neighbor's house. You must not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor."*

Exodus 20:17 (NLT)

Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."

Luke 12:15 (NLT)

2. When I Complain about what I do have.

Do everything without complaining or arguing. **Philippians 2:14** (NCV)

3. When I Compare myself to what other people have.

Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. For we are each responsible for our own conduct.

Galatians 6:4-5 (NLT)

4. When I am Concerned about the future.

(Jesus) *That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? ...Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are?*

Matthew 6:25, 26 (NLT)

These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Matthew 6:32, 33 (NLT)

Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

John 4:13-14 (NLT)

Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6:35 (NLT)

Trust the LORD and do good. Live in the land and feed on truth. Enjoy serving the LORD, and he will give you what you want.

Psalms 37:3, 4 (NCV)

Gratitude is the doorway to enjoyment!