A Heart of Thanksgiving Wednesday December 11, 2024 Dr. Pete Norris

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. **Genesis 1:31 NKJV**

Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. **Genesis 2:1-3 NKJV**

Believe that it is inside you!

Which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, **Ephesians 1:20 NKJV**

Jesus answered and said unto her, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." **John 4:13-14 KJV**

And Jesus said unto them, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." John 6:35 KJV

The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, And the wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook. **Proverbs 18:4 KJV**

Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; But a man of understanding will draw it out. **Proverbs 20:5 KJV**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: **Ephesians 1:3 KJV**

Easier to keep what God has obtained.

Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:4-7 NLT**

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

I Peter 5:6-7 NKJV

Thanksgiving in not looking forward

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life. **Proverbs 13:12 NKJV**

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. **Psalms 100:4 NKJV**

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. I John 4:17 NKJV

But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

I Corinthians 6:17 NKJV

One is "He is", and singular is "as one".

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. **Romans 8:37 NKJV**

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. **I John 5:4 NKJV**

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. **Colossians 2:9-10 NKJV**

Resting in what you already have.

As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

II Peter 1:3 NKJV

Do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. **Ephesians 1:16-23 NKJV**

The first 3 chapters is what you have. The last 3 chapters release what you have. Understand means "deep thoughts". Spirit on the inside of you has already raised thousands from the dead.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

II Corinthians 4:17-18 NKJV

Rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. **Colossians 2:7 NKJV**