

# Love Life Ministry

## Touching People with the Healing Power of God's Love<sup>©</sup>



### Being Thankful Gives Thanks

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You can thank your way from sickness to health, financial lack to abundance, a hurtful relationship to a love-filled relationship, disappointment to achievement!

C.S. Lewis said, "We ought to give thanks for all fortune; if it is good, because it is good, if bad, because it works in us patience, humility, the contempt of this world, and the hope of our eternal country."

Abba Father will not bring bad things on us. Most often we do it to ourselves by ourselves, or allow other people to do it, or by our foolishness in receiving the devil's thoughts and following his directions.

So, how do you thank your way through the conditions listed earlier? In sickness, believe and thank Jesus that *by His stripes you are healed and made whole*. While you are under a doctor's care and on prescription medicine, thank Him for the medical care and support you are receiving while seeing an image of yourself healed and made whole by His hand. Thank Him for giving you strength to do what you are not able to do now. Thank Abba for strengthening you to believe and declare that you are healed.

If your finances are short and you are afraid that your bills will not be paid, thank Abba for *providing for your needs according to His riches in glory through Christ Jesus*, and that He is your *Shepherd and you do not want* for anything. Thank Abba for giving you the *ability to gain the finances* you need and seek His guidance for what He wants you to do.

If you are in a hurtful relationship, thank Abba for removing you from that hurt by ending it the way He wants to do it and in His timing; and giving you strength, encouragement, and protection while He works. You can see the person, who is hurting you, *through the eyes of Jesus* and thank Him for removing whatever is hurting him or her from them and restoring His love between you and them.

Life, on this earth, hands us many disappointments. Jesus has told us that *in this world we will have tribulations, but be of good cheer, for He has overcome the world*. Thank Abba for those disappointments because they are opportunities for you to learn and become the person, He wants you to be for the work that He wants to do in you and through you. Thank Abba for protecting you from whatever could have happened if what disappointed you occurred. Thank

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Abba for the plan that He has for your life. A plan of *peace and not harm, to give you a future and a hope.*

Giving thanks for the bad things that happen to us prevents self-condemnation and selfishness from settling into our heart, mind, and body. We can thank Abba for making right the mess we made, for the lesson we learn from making the mess, and for His faithfulness in protecting us from making the same mistakes. Abba Father knows us better than we know ourself; yet He still loves us when we make a mess of our life in some small or big way. We can thank Him for not condemning us, forsaking us or leaving us.

There is no safer place than to be right beside Jesus in this life. In that place you will be exceedingly abundantly blessed beyond what you could ask or think.

1 Thessalonians 5:18, James 1:13-18, 1 Peter 2:24, Proverbs 17:22, Philippians 4:19, Psalm 23:1, Deuteronomy 8:18, 2 Corinthians 5:16, Jeremiah 29:11, Hebrews 13:5, Deuteronomy 31:8

I speak blessings over you that touch you with the healing power of God's love!

Shalom!!

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