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A THANKSGIVING Message FROM Minister N'fannie Kazouch

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The actual history of the "Thanksgiving" we celebrate on every last Thursday in November in these United States, dates back to November 12, 1620, when the Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts. Upon their arrival, they were hit with the brutal reality of the winter weather. And so they immediately built shelters to protect them from the cold weather. Because of their unpreparedness, they suffered hunger; they got sick; and some died. Those who survived, planted crops after the winter weather. The crops flourished. Harvest time came and the reward was plentiful. They prepared a feast and invited the Indians and they gave thanks for a bountiful harvest.

As believers, we give thanks every waking moment; not just on the last Thursday in November. We give thanks for those COMMON EVERYDAY BLESSINGS which are usually overlooked. Those everyday blessings like waking up in the morning with our five senses intact; the joy of family and friends; enjoying the sun rise, the sunset; waking up with our good health.

As believers, we give thanks everyday for those SPECIAL BLESSINGS which are soon forgotten. The special blessings of family and friends who have helped us along the way; They include our teachers, or parents, etc. We have achieved greatness because of those who have helped us. But so often when we receive and enjoy this greatness, this level of achievement, we forget who helped us. Most times, we don't mean to; but we do!

As believers, we give thanks for those GREATEST BLESSINGS which are IGNORED... This is the ever abiding presence of God in his acts of creation, redeeming, and sustaining that which He creates - All that we have, and are.

Moses sets out the basis for giving a THANKSGIVING OFFERING in the book of Leviticus.

Lev 7:11-15-The Law of Peace Offerings

'This is the law of the sacrifice of peace

offerings which he shall offer to the LORD: If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer, with the sacrifice of thanksgiving, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed with oil. Besides the cakes, as his offering he shall offer leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offering. And from it he shall offer one cake from each offering as a heave offering to the LORD. It shall belong to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the peace offering. The flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day it is offered. He shall not leave any of it until morning.

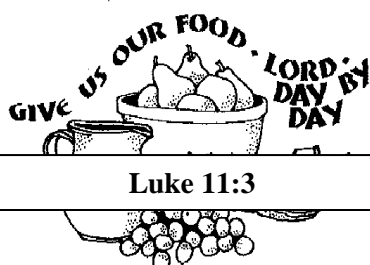
Remember we are stewards of God. Meaning everything we have is on loan from God. And so we must show our appreciation by giving a portion of what God has blessed us back to God.

In the giving we relinquish all control over our gift. We have no say over how it is to be used. Remember the giver ... gave.

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"Thank you God for everything; the big things and the small; for every good gift comes from God, the giver of them all. And all too often, we accept without any thanks or praise the gifts God sends as blessings each day in many ways. First, thank you for the little things that often come our way, the things we take for granted, but don't mention when we pray. Thank you for the miracles we are much too blind to see, and give us new awareness, of our many gifts from thee. And help us to remember, that the key to life and living is to make each prayer ... a prayer of thanks, and every day ... THANKSGIVING."†



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- God resides in two dwellings. While one is in heaven, the other's in a humble and thankful heart.
- For hearts which have peace and virtue and are kindly and don't seek a hoard blindly for increasing; for those grieving over the sordid plans of life; for souls still having belief in man and heaven; for homes which are lowly with compassion and love and for things which are holy, I thank you, my lord.
- I praise god for not only guiding my directions but also overruling my mistakes.
- A courteous heart's not only the grandest virtue, but also the parent of other virtues put together.
- Praise has several effects, depending upon the mind it encounters. While it makes a foolish person more arrogant, it makes a sensible person modest.
- Gratitude gives sense to our past, ushers peace for today and conjures a vision for the days to come.
- Thanksgiving is like contentment with a learned attitude. A person who's yet to learn being content can never be thankful as he lives with an illusion that is more deserving than his worth.
- As the year yields its harvest and shares abundant blessings, May your thanksgiving come blessed with fruitfulness and overflowing love.

Ministerial Spotlight

The Holy Spirit

OUR CALENDAR

November 27th-30th(Date TBA)
Thanksgiving dinner with WOFMERS

December 16, 2011
Christmas program for the
Families in Clarkston!

March 2012(Date TBA)
WOFM First Anniversary

April 2012(Date TBA)
Min N'fanniee and team
Abuja, Nigeria

June 2012(Date TBA)
Virtuous Women Conference
Staten Island, NY

NOVEMBER PRAYER FOCUS

GIVING THANKS

We give thanks to God for His love, His care, and His provision for our salvation. In the Old Testament, giving thanks to God was often done through the Levitical sacrifice. Leviticus 7:12-13:- 'If he offers it by way of thanksgiving, then along with the sacrifice of thanksgiving he shall offer unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil, and cakes of well stirred fine flour mixed with oil. With the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving, he shall present his offering with cakes of leavened bread'

The scriptures give many reasons why we should be thankful to God. Notable amongst them are: God's offer of salvation; God's works and deeds; God's help for us; and God's character (goodness, loving kindness, righteousness, truth, and faithfulness.)

Thankfulness should flow naturally from the Christian who realizes the great gift of salvation offered through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. Jesus Christ suffered the penalty for what He did not deserve (all my sin), then freely offered to me the reward (eternal life) that I did not deserve. What an awesome God!

The goal of the Christian is to be transformed into the image of Jesus Christ. As a model for us, Jesus often gave thanks for food and answered prayer

The Bible tell us to give thanks in everything. We often complain to God about all the bad things that have happened to us - things we did not deserve, and definitely did not want. How can we be thankful for everything? First, we have a God who answers prayer, so that we should never be anxious about any situation. Second, although things may seem to be bad, we are told that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose.

Psalm 100
A Psalm for Thanksgiving

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.
Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before Him with joyful singing.
Know that the LORD Himself is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
And His courts with praise.
Give thanks to Him; bless His name.
For the LORD is good;
His loving kindness is everlasting,
And His faithfulness to all generations... +

Our November Children (Birthdays & Accomplishments)

Autumn Lawrence	November 13
Teresa Cephas	November 28
Charleston Russell	November 30