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Living in victory God's Word – refreshingly clear

Be thankful!

Philippians 4 verse 6 says: “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God”. – Give thanks are an expression of our faith – but for what shall we give thanks? For all, what happens in our life? How often this will be preached!

For many yeas ago, I had great trouble with that, because I thought: “When God is good, why does he let all these bad things happen?” – As I grew in spiritual understanding and recognized, that there is an adversary, called devil, I saw that not all in my life has happened to the will of God. I learnt to separate between the things which came from God and the things which the devil tried to put in my life and I learnt to resist to them. It isn't biblical, to thank God for all, what is happening in your life, because not all comes from him!

To thank God for the thinks which comes from him, isn't something that we do from time to time, but it should become a lifestyle (*Colossians 4,2*). I know also how easy it is to get away from it. The world gives us often less reasons to give thanks. There is grumbling and criticizing and it's so easy to agree with them. An example: If the summer was to less warm, there is grumbling. Was it to warm, there is also grumbling. – But we the Christians should not be so. God said that summer, winter, cold and heat wouldn't stop (*Genesis 8,22*), also why do we make us nervous about this things?

We give thanks to God for the things which he does in our life, never we should give thanks to him for the works which the devil did. No one give a person thanks for things which you don't have get from her, so we don't also give thanks to God for things, which we don't got from him. But what does not come from him? All, what the word of God says about, that it isn't from him and that brings ruin. These are the things which steal and prevent the good things of your life, the things which brings sickness and disaster in your life. For that we don't give God thanks! Because the Bible says, that these things comes from the devil (*John 10,10*)! We give God thanks exclusively only for the things, which comes from him (*Ephesians 5,20*) and the Word of God says clearly what that things are.

James 1, 17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Every **good** gift only means, every **good** gift! God hasn't an own "sorting system" in reference to "good and evil" and he calls evil not for good! That means: no disaster, no sickness comes from him to "teach you something". If something good arise out of something bad, this don't means not yet that the origin of that came from God, but he simply turned it for good to you! But yet better and his perfect will would have been if you had never seen these things!

But what is now with the following bible verse:

1. *Thessalonians 5,18*

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

This Bible verse doesn't say that we should give God thanks for all things which happen in our life, but that we should maintain an **attitude** of gratitude in all. Let us read a few verse more.

Verse 22

Abstain from all appearance of evil.

This verse says that we should keep us away from the evil or the works, the deeds of evil, of the devil. This means we should neither allow them in our life, then they don't come from God, yet we don't should give God thanks for it.

Acts 16,25-26

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

Paul and Silas have had preserve even in the prison an **attitude of gratitude** towards God (but they don't thanked him for the situation, because this was not God's will) and they also don't accused God, that this happened to them.

What went wrong in your life? Do you stop yourself with questions concerning "why", or are you in an attitude of gratitude towards God, he how is on your side and you delight on his word? It is very important that we don't rest in the questions "why is this or that happen", but simply walk on in that what we know and hold on God and his Word. Perhaps sometime we will recognize or not. But important is that we furthermore hold on God and his word and walk in his light. Perhaps sometime we will know it or not, but this will change nothing on it, that we will complete our walk in the light of the Word of God.

The Word of God isn't also against feelings, they can be good and from God. God has also feelings, but we must subordinate our feelings to the Word of God. This doesn't means now that we couldn't have bad feelings, but we should neither remain in them, nor let them lead us. Some Psalms, which David wrote, are starting with bad feelings but then David writes how he starts looking to the Lord and to give thanks and to praise him. So we could subordinate our soul to the will of God and delight on it. We are not helpless delivered to our feelings, but we can and **have to** control them.

Don't look at the external circumstances! But this don't means that you deny them, but you see beyond, away on that what the Word of God says and you give so thanks to him,

as it's saying in *Colossians 4,2* "... watch in the same with thanksgiving". This means that in the time of waiting until the requested is visible, we are giving thanks.

Colossians 2,6

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk you in him:

How did we have received the Lord Jesus – through a prayer of faith and so we should live in HIM, namely in faith. What says the next verse:

Verse 7

Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

How we will become established in faith? – Through excellent teaching and by we are abundantly with thanksgiving. Start with thanking God in faith, hear, if it helps a worship CD with happy and biblical Songs, which honor God. Personally for me it's easier that way to come out of a bad mood. **Start every day with thanksgiving!** Thank HIM for that you live, thank HIM, that you are healed by the wounds of Jesus from any disease; thank HIM for all the little things that are in your life in order.

Romans 1, 21

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

A dark heart is another expression for depression and melancholia. A lack of thanksgiving unto God leads to depression and bad moods. I have also to keep this again and again in my mind, because I am also again and again tempted to bring me a depressive day.

Psalms 50,23

Whoso offered praise glorified me: and to him that ordered his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.

The salvation of God can also be translated with rescue, healing, restoration, preservation; all this includes the word salvation.

Philippians 4,4

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

That I also want to shout out to you dear reader, be blessed and be happy in the Lord all the time!

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"Father God, I come to you in the name of Jesus Christ. I believe in my heart, that Jesus Christ is the son of God. I believe that he rose from death, for my justification and for forgiveness of my sins. Jesus, come

now in my heart. I take you as my Rescuer and Saviour. From now on you are my Lord, and God is my Father. Amen.

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