

## What do we offer Lost People? V

### “Prayer III”

*What benefits do we offer people? What peculiarities or uniqueness do we extend to people? Are there qualities we possess that will help the soul of man? Are there activities we do privately and publicly that build community?*

*NKJ Acts 2:42* And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and **in prayers**.

Prayer is both a means of **expressing** yourself to God and of **experiencing** His presence.

Prayer is finding your voice with God in the courts of heaven.

- *God's house is to be known as a house of prayer. Mark 11:17*

Daniel prayed and gave **thanks** to God.

*NKJ Daniel 6:10* Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees **three times that day**, and **prayed and gave thanks before his God**, as was his custom since early days.

*What is purpose, power and potential of prayers of thanksgiving?*

### I

The purpose of thanksgiving is a response to God's lovingkindness.

Thanks is the appropriate response to God's amazing grace.

Thanks is an **acknowledgement** of God's **goodness**.

Thanks is a **choice** and **response** for some act of **kindness**.

- Thanksgiving is good manners. *Luke 17:11-19*

### II

The **power** of thanksgiving is that it shifts our focus from our **condition** to God.

No matter what comes find something to be grateful for.

*NKJ Philippians 4:6* Be anxious for nothing, but **in everything** by prayer and **supplication, with thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known to God;

*NLT Philippians 4:6* Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. **Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.**

- A spirit of thanksgiving will **neutralize** anxiety, worry and care.

### III

The potential of thanksgiving is, it gains **access** to and **attention** with God.

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

Thanksgiving will move the hand of God. *John 6:9-13*

God can stretch, increase and multiply your resources if you give thanks.

- *Thanksgiving is spiritual activity.*

*NLT 1 Thessalonians 5:18* **Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.**

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