

Season of Thanks – Your Simple Secret Weapon

****Season of Thanks Bumper**

Welcome

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Last Week – Modeh Ani – start your day with a prayer of thanks.

This week I want to talk to you about your Simple Secret Weapon.

YOUR SIMPLE SECRET WEAPON

Advantage, edge, life hack
Simple & Powerful

Story – Starbucks – In Line
Negative customer

Choice -
Annoyed, Angry, add to Negativity.

“Thank you...”

Flipped a switch. A secret weapon.

This Barista still lights up when I walk in...

Regional Manager meeting – Thank you for the best Starbucks in North Dallas.

NOW – Fave customer. They have my drink started... “Chris!”

My secret weapon...

Made someone’s day better.

Changed the atmosphere.

Elevated myself as more than a customer.

What is my Simple Secret Weapon?

Thank you...

The Power of “THANK YOU” can improve and bring blessing to your situation.

Jesus understood this...

Luke 17:11-19

11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance 13 and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

Leprosy – incurable disease effecting skin.
Discoloration, Nerve damage, Scaling...
leading to infection – rot – loss of body parts.

Thought to be highly contagious – Had to stand at a distance and announce
“UNCLEAN.”

They call to Jesus from a distance...

14 When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

Jesus is powerful.

As they went – they were cleansed.

Whatever you are facing – listen to Jesus and as you go – you become stronger, healed, cleansed, happier.

These Lepers are about to be seen by a priest – no longer ostracized from society.

Go Jesus!

But watch what happens...

15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

How many came back and thanked Jesus?

17 Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? 18 Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” 19 Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

This story shows us..

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Here are practical ways to apply this Jesus story to your life.

#1 “Thank You” causes you to stand out

Want to stand out and be successful?

Not everyone is thankful.

Perhaps a low percentage (10%) are thankful.

You can instantly stand out by being THE ONE who gives thanks.

SUCCESS is winning with people.

Thank you is an instant way to win with people.

Thank people privately.

Thank people publicly. (STEROIDS STRONG)

#2 Gratitude isn't just good manners, but a Spiritual practice – connecting us to God and to others.

The Leper returned and experienced a connection with Jesus.

The others lacked this connection...

Not just good manners.. powerful connection with God & others.

A Spiritual thing happens in verse 19.

Did you catch it?

19 Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

“Made well” means RESTORED.

Your faith has restored you...

All the Lepers were cleansed – cured of the disease, but they still had the marks of the disease.

Scaring, scaling, missing body parts...

The one who gave thanks was not only cured – but restored.

#3 “Thank you” brings blessing.

Imagine the blessing of being restored...

Here's something I want you to remember:
You never lose by thanking people.
Thank you is always a win, and you might even come away blessed or healed.

YOUR SIMPLE SECRET WEAPON

When was the last time you regretted saying "thank you" to someone?

But how many times have you kicked yourself for not expressing gratitude when you had the chance?

Real-World Impact

Isolation and loneliness.

Gallup study – 30% experience loneliness

Harvard Study - 61% of young adults feel serious loneliness.

But gratitude? It's like a bridge. It connects us.

We are not alone.

We're part of something bigger.

Your Simple Secret Weapon can help solve the problem.

The Power of “THANK YOU” can improve and bring blessing to your situation.

It is simple, but powerful.

The power of “Thank You.”

What could “THANK YOU” do in...

Your marriage?

Your family?

Your School/Job?

Our City?

Worship team

Call to Action

#1 Be the one who returns to express thanks.

A. Don't just think it – SAY IT!

B. Thank God

C. Thank Others

#2 Choose ONE PERSON to express gratitude this week.

A. Pray about it.

B. Do it.

C. Reflect on it.

Not just good manners, but a Spiritual connection.

There is no telling what healing & blessing may occur when we return to give thanks.

Worship team...

A great time to practice thanks.

A great time to surrender your life to God.

A great time to receive prayer and pray with others.

Benediction:

May we be the ONE who returns to give thanks. Lord help us to connect with you and others. We thank You, Jesus.