

# Beyond Thanksgiving

From a Day, to a Life

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*"Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him. See that you go on growing in the Lord, and become strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with joy and thanksgiving for all he has done." Colossians 2:7 (TLB)*

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When the \_\_\_\_\_ flows in, the \_\_\_\_\_ fills up, and the \_\_\_\_\_ flows out!

## 1. When the \_\_\_\_\_ flows in,

Ephesians 1:6-8 (GNT) – *"Let us praise God for his glorious grace, for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son! For by the blood of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God, which he gave to us in such large measure!"*

Romans 8:31 (NLT) – *"What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?"*

Isaiah 30:18 (NIV) – *"The LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion."*

## 2. the \_\_\_\_\_ fills up,

Gratitude:

- Requires proper \_\_\_\_\_.

Habakkuk 3:17-18 (GW) – *"Even if the fig tree does not bloom, and the vines have no grapes, even if the olive tree fails to produce and the fields yield no food, even if the sheep pen is empty and the stalls have no cattle – even then, I will be happy with the LORD. I will truly find joy in God, who saves me. The LORD Almighty is my strength. He makes my feet like those of a deer. He makes me walk on the mountains."*

- Provides extensive \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT) – *"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."*

Ephesians 5:3-4 (NLT) – *"Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God."*

- Flourishes through \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalms 118:24 (NLT) – *"This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it."*

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT) – *"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."*

## 3. and the \_\_\_\_\_ flows out!

Luke 7:36-48 (TLB) – *"One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to come to his home for lunch and Jesus accepted the invitation. As they sat down to eat, a woman of the streets—a prostitute—heard he was there and brought an exquisite flask filled with expensive perfume. Going in, she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping, with her tears falling down upon his feet; and she wiped them off with her hair and kissed them and poured the perfume on them."*

When Jesus' host, a Pharisee, saw what was happening and who the woman was, he said to himself, "This proves that Jesus is no prophet, for if God had really sent him, he would know what kind of woman this one is!" Then Jesus spoke up and answered his thoughts. "Simon," he said to the Pharisee, "I have something to say to you." "All right, Teacher," Simon replied, "go ahead."

"Then Jesus told him this story: "A man loaned money to two people—\$5,000 to one and \$500 to the other. But neither of them could pay him back, so he kindly forgave them both, letting them keep the money! Which do you suppose was most grateful to him most after that?" "I suppose the one who had owed him the most," Simon answered. "Correct," Jesus agreed.

Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Look! See this woman kneeling here! When I entered your home, you didn't bother to offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You refused me the customary kiss of greeting, but she has kissed my feet again and again from the time I first came in. You neglected the usual courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has covered my feet with rare perfume. Therefore her sins—and they are many—are forgiven, for she loved me much; but one who is forgiven little, shows little love." And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

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