

# **THANKSGIVING 2017**

**2 Thessalonians 2:13-17** ¶ But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: **14** Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **15** Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. **16** ¶ Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given *us* everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, **17** Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

## **THANKSGIVING WILL HELP YOU WITH ENRICHMENT**

**enhancement**      **embellishment**      **endowment**      **improvement**

### **DEVELOPMENT**

**Ephesians 4:14-15** That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; **15** But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

<b>The Present</b>	<b>14a</b>
<b>The Probable</b>	<b>14b</b>
<b>The Possible</b>	<b>15</b>

### **IMPROVEMENT**

**2 Peter 3:17-18** Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. **18** But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.

The Awareness	17a
The Agitation	17b
The Advance	18

### **DEVELOPMENT**

### **IMPROVEMENT**

## **THANKSGIVING WILL HELP YOU WITH EMPOWERMENT**

**1 Thessalonians 1:2-4** ¶ We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; **3** Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; **4** Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

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The term **empowerment** refers to measures designed to increase the degree of [autonomy](#) and [self-determination](#) in people and in communities in order to enable them to represent their interests in a [responsible](#) and self-determined way, acting on their own authority. Empowerment as action refers both to the process of self-empowerment and to professional support of people, which enables them to overcome their sense of powerlessness and lack of influence, and to recognize and use their resources.

**1 Thessalonians 1:9-10** For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; **10** And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

<b>EXONERATION</b>	<b>{RELEASE, LIBERATION, FREEING}</b>
<b>CONFIRMATION</b>	<b>{APPROVAL, AUTHORIZATION, ENDORSEMENT}</b>
<b>LIBERATION</b>	<b>{DELIVERANCE, DISCHARGE}</b>

**1 Thessalonians 1:6-8** ¶ And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: **7** So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. **8** For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

## **THANKSGIVING WILL HELP YOU WITH ENLARGEMENT**

**work, occupation, hire, service, engagement**

**ASSIGNMENT**----- **HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH THE MASTER**

**POSITION**----- **HAS TO DO SOMETIMES WITH THE PEOPLE**

**DUTY** ----- **HAS TO DO WITH YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD YOUR POSITION**  
**responsibility, obligation, liability**

The sign in the window read: "Boy Wanted". Young John Simmons, though he was lazy, saw his opportunity and applied. He was quickly hired by elderly Mr. Peters. The pace was leisurely so he enjoyed the job. Toward the middle of the afternoon however, he was sent up to the attic -- a dingy place full of cobwebs and infested with mice.

"You will find a long, deep box there," explained Mr. Peters. "Please sort out the contents and see what should be saved." John was

disappointed. It was a large container, and there seemed to be nothing in it but old junk. After a few minutes he went back to the ground floor. Asked by the proprietor if he had completed his work, he replied, "No, sir, it was dark and cold up there and I didn't think it was worth doing." At closing time he was paid and told not to return.

The next morning the old sign "Boy Wanted" appeared in its usual place...Crawford Hill was the next to be employed. When he was asked to tidy up the same box, however, he spent hours separating the usable nails and screws from the things to be discarded. Suddenly he raced down the stairs all excited. "At the very bottom I found this!" he exclaimed, holding up a 20-dollar bill. At last the store owner had discovered a conscientious boy to whom he could entrust his business when he retired. Years later Mr. Peters said, "This young man, who is now my successor, found his fortune in a junk box!"

## **CONSCIENTIOUS WORKERS GET FROM THEIR WORK**

**A REWARD—A Check, A Bonus, A Vacation,  
A Thank You, A Nod or a Nudge**

## **CONSCIENTIOUS WORKERS GIVE TO THEIR WORK**

**AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE**

**SEE GOD AT YOUR WORK**

**SEE GOD IN YOUR WORK**

**SEE GOD THRU YOUR WORK**