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THANKSGIVING

Phil 4:6 -7 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

How many of us know these verses? How many of us *apply* them? In order to get to verse 7 to gain that peace that passes understanding, we have to accomplish verse 6. Let us therefore look closer:

1. *Be careful for nothing;*

This is commanding us to be anxious over nothing that comes our way. Fear is not a good first responder, since the situation is subject to change. Change how? Go to the next point:

2. *In every thing by prayer and supplication (let your requests be made known unto God)*

Even though God knows our need before we ask, our petition sets the action to follow. There are ministering angels waiting for the command, and with our petition to God through Christ Jesus they are dis-

patched. Of course, our confession of faith is tested in this area when our mouth may speak adversely to our prayer in which the enemy has cause to block the answer. How do we wait for the answer when we have already prayed?

3. *Do this with thanksgiving*

Once you have prayed you do not need to repeat over and over the same request. This implies that God has not heard, and no answer is on the way. It is a display of unbelief to the enemy troops that you are wavering if they would but detain the answer a bit longer for your faith to fold. That is why thanksgiving is so vital to all prayer requests to speed the process.

Our biggest problem is that our anxiety buffets our thanksgiving to make room for begging and pleading. Typically this is the result:

- Careful or anxious for everything
- Rather than letting our petition be known, we make known our malady to the mailman, milkman, checkout person, friends, family, church and anyone you see on the street!

When we have told everyone we encounter, we continue to repeat it all over again so they do not forget what we are going through!

- We will be thankful only when we see, feel and taste victory, otherwise we continue in the quagmire of point 2 all over again.

You cannot arrive unto the peace that passes all understanding until you allow your *understanding* to *PASS* and thanksgiving to reign.

Eliminate fear by acknowledging that God has the answer. Petition through the promises of God, for He is watching and waiting for the Word which He hastens to perform. Then allow our understanding to pass and not reason. I repeat: LET YOUR UNDERSTANDING PASS. Until it passes there will be no peace.

You can understand a problem to death...yours! If we could only attain what we could understand, we would be a poor lot and never have to worry about population control!

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2 Cor 4:15-16

For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

INTERCESSION AND LITIGATION

1 Peter 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

All of God's children go through trials and many go through quite befuddled as to what is going on and why. Knowing the right questions to ask leads to the best answers in solving the puzzle and attaining success.

Before a trial many witnesses are deposed. The lawyer asks a battery of questions to get the testimony desired to achieve victory, but also asks the tough questions in order to formulate the best answers. Depositions are a part of the discovery process in which litigants gather information in preparation for trial. The litigator is a lawyer that can bring or contest a case.

Intercessors are litigators in the spirit. They are prayer warriors that pray in the spirit discovering the questions containing the answers by the Word of God to litigate a matter before a fiery trial. This is, in some cases, to prevent the fiery trial by proving that no case exists. The prosecutor, however, may be able to

provide enough material witness to continue to prosecute the case.

Everything is "alleged" until proven. The defendant will either be proven guilty or innocent, gain or lose.

Now picture this in daily life when the enemy or the accuser [prosecutor] brings suit against you in attack. You have a right to **remain silent** because anything you say can be used against you. You also have a right to counsel/intercession [litigation] on your behalf.

We remember that Satan brought a suit against Peter: *Luke 22:31-32 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.*

Peter did go through the fiery trial of his faith and some may suppose that he lost, but they would be wrong. Peter had some setbacks in court which looked as if the case was lost, but his Litigator turned it around to victory because he had the best defense possible going be-

yond the price that money could afford. That attorney was willing to lay down his life for his client to score a win!

It is unwise to be your only defense and try the case yourself. The prosecutor has had eons of experience in prosecuting. Without Jesus, our advocate, we are sunk. Jesus ever lives to litigate for us. *Rom 8:34 It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*

Many do not have or know of a good attorney [intercessor], in which case one will be appointed by the court. However, we remember that God sought for one to stand in the gap to build a good case and found none Ezek 22:30. We know how that turned out!

My prayer is that you not only have good intercessors surrounding you, but that you are one who is willing to stand in the gap for others. *Eccl 4:10 ...woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.*

ACCUSATIONS

Who said *what* to *whom*? That was my recent reply to a vague accusation. Most accusations are a figment of the imagination. Just listen to your own argument sometime. It might go something like this:

Wife: "Have you taken out the trash yet?"

Husband: "Are you calling me lazy?"

Wife: "What are you talking about?"

Husband: "You know what I'm talking about! You just implied that I was lazy!"

Wife: "Why are you so touchy all of a sudden?"

Husband: "Oh that's right, now I'm lazy AND touchy."

An accusation starts in the mind with the help of commiseration by the enemy. It brings fantasy into reality and voila the battle begins. This is not a

battle of wits, however, but a battle of the nit-wits. A nit is a louse feeding off others just as a nit-wit is a louse that infests the brain to feed fuel to an argument. Imply and Assume are two names of the nit-wits *who* said *what* to *whom*.

Who did *what...when*? Is another example. As an elementary school teacher for years, I heard some pretty lame accusations. My favorite is one I have written before:

Student: "Teacher, somebody stole my pencil."

Me: "Who stole your pencil?"

Student: "I don't know."

Me: Well, who did you see take it?"

Student: "I didn't see who it was."

Me: (Seeing the pencil on the floor

under the students desk.) "Is that your pencil?"

Student: "Oh, there it is."

Me: "I guess the thief put it under your desk so you wouldn't find it."

Student: (Sheepish grin)

It is almost laughable if it did not cause so much trouble in the body of Christ. Oh, yes, we have all suffered the affliction of nit-wits and sometimes been one done that!

Kicking out Imply and Assume is half the battle and giving one another the benefit of the doubt that anything had a hidden implication will take you to a win, win situation.

Actually this process is called resisting the enemy and he will flee! Got to love the process.

GOD'S LOOKING GLASS

God figures and calculates differently than man. This is obvious, since for man water erodes and blood stains. That is just a simple calculation. Yet without the washing of the water by the Word our faith erodes and the only way to cleanse our garment is by the blood! Instead of looking through the glass darkly, as the Scripture puts it, we must go through the looking glass into the wondrous land of God!

This is why the scholar and the intellectual miss God. They try to reason God by their knowledge or calculations and God gives a curve that great minds simply do not figure.

How about actual numbers for example: $1+1=2$ unless it is God figuring that one man plus one woman are joined to make one in unity. What about the Father plus the Son plus the Holy Spirit are $1+1+1$ three equaling one. Yet if you put $1+1+1$ into a fiery furnace you get four!

To the slaves a master meant bondage but for the Christian to become a slave to the Master is liberty!

Man thinks to go to a bank to withdraw money from an account but God gets money from the mouth of a fish!

Man sees and believes, yet Christians are to believe what they cannot see. Man saves his money to gain, but Christians give it away to gain.

Joel, the prophet of God, called a fast during great famine. Think about it. They were to deny themselves food when there was no food, but God's wisdom put them on the side of prayer and seeking Him rather than sitting, crying and dying. Fasting and prayer brought the answer, while famine brought starvation and death.

Look at our salvation. Our salvation is not based upon life but upon death. Unless we die, we cannot live. Just as Jesus went to the cross to die, we go to the cross to die. Without death there can be no resurrection. It is in the resurrection after death that we live, but instead of Christ living in us, we are living in Christ.

Christ living in us may be salvation, but it is not resurrection until we are living

in Him. The difference is that instead of taking Christ everywhere we go, we are being taken everywhere He leads. We do not direct His path but He directs ours. Remember: *Ps 23:2-4 HE maketh me to lie down in green pastures: HE leadeth me beside the still waters. HE restoreth my soul: HE leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

His leading us is better than our chosen path. Even though Jesus will be with us in the valley, we would have been better to have His leading us to the green pasture, still waters and paths of righteousness where our soul is restored.

We think that God is backward but it is we who do not move forward unless we can see, feel, taste, hear or touch it. We need to stop looking through the glass darkly but step through the looking glass and witness God's view of things. It is only on the other side of the glass that we find prosperity.

THINKING OUT LOUD

Knowing that Trumpet Sounds goes around the world on the web, I have wondered how people of other cultures could relate to what I write. Then it came to me that the Word of God breaks all barriers and walls. It reaches the very heart of an individual regardless of language, color or culture. Truth is for all seasons and generations. Rather than becoming outdated it becomes fulfilled.

Another thing troubled me. I write specifically about America and its government woes. Just as I wondered, the Lord took me over to Luke 21:25-28

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations,

with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Every nation shares in the sun, moon and stars and what happens in our future will happen among all nations. Distress and perplexity are coming to the whole earth not just my section of it.

Though the whole world will go through the fire, it will be the Shadrach, Meshach and Abednigos who walk out unsinged. Though the waters overtake the earth the Noahs will be buoyant and if thrown to the lions it will be the Daniels who walk out freely. No matter what giants we face, we will be the Davids to face the uncircumcised with the power and strength of the Living God!

So, I have concluded that the Word is the Word and though we may read it personally...we should. I realize now that what is corrupt and what is True is the same for all nations whether Godly leaders or ungodly.

This is just me thinking out loud.

SILENCE IS GOLDEN

You have heard it said that silence is golden usually from a parent, but it is throughout the Word of God as well. There are so many Scriptures dealing with the tongue while stressing that our thoughts should not always *escape* through the tongue. As we know from James 3:6 the tongue is a world of fire that sets on fire the very course of nature.

Here are just a few of my favorite tongue Scriptures:

"In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: **but he that refraineth his lips is wise.**" Prov 10:19

"**He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life:** but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction." Prov 13:3

"An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and **in his lips there is as a burning fire.**" Prov 16:27

"He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: **moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.**" Prov 16:30

"Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that **shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.**" Prov 17:28

Those are wise sayings nicely put in the KJV, which translate into SHUT UP.

Do you know how God protected John the Baptist in his mother's womb? **Luke 1:20 And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.** There would have been no John the Baptist for Zacharias' tongue of disbelief speaking against it...so God shut it for him until such time as Elisabeth gave birth.

Mary, mother of Jesus, had no such trouble with holding her tongue: **Luke 2:19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.**

Luke 2:51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all

these sayings in her heart. What Mary did not understand she kept to herself, and her silence was golden.

Do you remember how many times God tried to get His children to move forward in the land but they were too afraid and did not trust God to see them through? It is then no surprise that the march around Jericho was done...**in silence.** No doubt or fear could be spoken. That was the reason the walls were able to topple when it came time to shout.

Jesus, himself had to remove the naysayers and doubters in the case of Jairus' daughter: **Mark 5:37-40 And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.** And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. **But when he had put them all out,** he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. Jesus only allowed faith to enter and He shut out those who spoke unbelief.

Here is one story from the Bible that many people do not think about:

Ps 64:1-8 Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy. **Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked;** from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity: **Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words:** That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not. They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them? They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep. But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded. **So they shall make their own tongue to fall**

upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away.

The only weapon in Psalms 64 was the tongue. The **bitter words** were even likened to arrows, but in the end their own tongue fell back on them. There is no greater defeat than the defeat of our own tongue falling upon us!

Picture a great fortress walled against the enemy. We are in that fortress which is God: **Ps 91:2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.**

However, in that fortress is the draw bridge. Our tongue is that draw bridge which needs to remain shut when fear is present or doubt tries to creep in. Shut that bridge or you will escort the enemy right in. If you read all of Psalms 91 you will find that in God's sure protection there is only trust without speaking doubt. God's Truth is our shield and buckler.

Now, why do you suppose I stress the words of our mouth so often if not appearing in most of my articles? I think I'll let the Word do my talking: **Eccl 10:11-14 Surely the serpent will bite without enchantment; and a babler is no better. The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself. The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of his talk is mischievous madness. A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him?**

It is time to convert our tongue to the most Holy Faith so it becomes a beacon of life, and as we put our trust in the Lord that we can say: **Thou has proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress. Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer. Ps 17:3-4**



 **NOT TRYING TO BUG YOU, BUT...** 

Prov 6:6-9 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

We are to consider the ant who is preparing for the coming season. The season has changed not just for Americans but the world is changing. The earth is terminally ill and will pass away. We know this by the Word of God. Many Christians glibly say they know it but do not prepare for the season. They do not gather for what the prophet Joel calls a dark day such as never seen before.

The world is full of “ignor ants” and many Christians are included. Then there are also the Christians who are “arrog ant” because they know more than anyone and cannot be told anything they do not already know. The church is responsible to study to show themselves approved, yet experience has been the crib sheet to explain the Scriptures. The “ignor ants” inbreed colonies of like kind, while the “arrog ants”, not in-breeders, pass what little they know to their brood...if they have the time. Both “ignore ants” and the “arrog ants” have a little truth and a heap of error. To make that statement makes me either “ignorant” or “arrogant”, but I am striving to be one of the “vigilants”.

This is the moment to be “observ ant” to see which ant we resemble. We would all like to think of ourselves as “serv ants”, but are we? Most of the religious world appears more “impertinant” to those of unfamiliar revelations. They have all that they believe in a nutshell. It is a hard nut to crack let me tell you! They go with the flow of the religion most comfortable for them. They build impenetrable walls and seal themselves away from anything unfamiliar. There is more rehearsal than revelation for these.

If you would like to join the ranks of the “vigil ants” then make yourself a blank slate for the Holy Spirit to write upon and show you things hidden. We need to become “inst ant” in and out of season. “Reluct ants” will find they have no answers when answers are sought. Satan has no problem with the “ignore ant” or the “arrog ant” and slurps them for dinner, but has great fear and trembling over the “vigil ant” because to them are the mysteries revealed. The “vigil ant” will fight off labels like apostasy and blasphemy to press on into Truth. You must be “confid ant” and not easily intimidated, as well as “adam-ant” of resolve and not “resist ant” to learn!

Our planet is in turmoil because of great “grieve ants” in the earth. There is a time of reckoning that will come upon the entire world. Many have given up their birthright for lusting in the flesh, who do not teach their off-spring anything more than to become “complais ants”, from which come the “extravag ants”

living vicariously through our tax dollars!

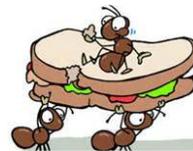
Satan is heading up the rebellion while God looks for one to stand in the gap and build up the hedge to protect the bloodline of His children. God only needs one “compli ant” to His Will who will become “resili ant” as David to bring down the “gi ants”. God uses the small and “insignific ant” to confound the “Nuis ants” (cousins to the “annoy ants”).

We sing about the POWER OF THE BLOOD, yet do we understand its power? We have a powerful bloodline that God has preserved. He even died to transfer to us His divine power and authority. If we do not use what we are given we are “impot ant” rather than “import ant” to the cause. Jesus told a parable of talents given. No matter how much has been given to us, we must use it to the fullest. More is given to the “serve ant” who uses what he/she is given.

Prov 6:6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:



Flamboy ant



Indulg ants



Flighty Arrog ant



Combat ant



Ignor ant



Intoler ant
Discord ant



Irrelev ant



Reluct ant



Satan: seeking whom he may slurp

Serv ants



Resili ant



Dilig ant



Determine ant



Triumph ant