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Dear Friends,

The month of November is the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving and many of us on that Thursday will be sharing our thankfulness with our loved ones and friends.

It is the activity of praise and thanksgiving that opens the doors for success in our lives. By building a habit of praise and thanksgiving we develop a consciousness that opens the doors of our minds and hearts so that all the good that God has for us can come in.

So how do you start a habit of praise and thanksgiving so that you can develop an aptitude for success?

1. By seeking God as First Cause
2. By giving thanks and praise to God for whatever you have right now
3. By praying for illumination and guidance
4. By believing in yourself

Seek God by acknowledging that God is **FIRST CAUSE**. Nothing is here by accident, the universe and everything in it is here by divine design. You, me, the animals, the trees, shy, water, everything is here by divine manifestation.

Whatever it is that you desire in your life and must come from God first. And remember to seek God through the activity of prayer.

Prayer can be just as short or as long as you want it to be. It's not the words in as much as it is in the attitude of the prayer. Developing a habit of going to God first in prayer helps you to develop a consciousness that will bring success to all your endeavors. Sometimes, your successes may not look like what you intended them to be, but give thanks anyways by affirming, "God knows and God shows."

Giving thanks and praise God for the things you do have helps to create a conscious belief that all your needs will be fulfilled. As Russell Lake wrote in his book, Thank God For Prayer, "In the beginning we were given authority to control all that concerns us, to manifest the full potential of success and happiness, and to protect ourselves from negative

factors in the world" .

And you do this by praying and asking for illumination and divine guidance so that you may use the gifts, talents, and inspiration to provide you with the things we need. Your circle of life becomes a circle of success, only when you learn to control our thought. For here is the point where all can be lost or all can be won .

Medical science has proven that the thoughts you hold in your mind about yourself and others affects your success, health, and prosperity in life. As St. Paul pointed out, through the Mind of Christ in you, you have the ability to understand and comprehend all things that are necessary to your progress and success in life. Remember to keep your thoughts centered on God as the source of all your needs. As Jesus proclaimed, "The father knows your needs before you even ask." After all you are endowed with powers and abilities because you have the gift of God's own Spirit within you. You are made in the image and likeness of God. And as the old adage goes, "God does not make junk."

Believe in yourself. Believe in the desires of your heart for they are there for a reason, listen to the LORD of your being. It is very important that you feel worthy of success. God wants you to succeed or Jesus would not have said, "It is your father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Success or failure in life can be reduced to two simple attitudes of mind: I can, or I can't. Take God into partnership with you and you will be sure to demonstrate the good that you need in your life. Know that the infinite Mind of God is with you always, and you will attain great success in all that you do.

Success can be yours no matter what others tell you. It is the LORD of you being that guides and directs you to your highest good. This month of thanksgiving is a great time to practice the art of giving thanks for everything you have right now.

In closing, I wish to thank those of you who answered last month's prayer letter to help meet our financial challenges. Your commitment and desire to keep funding the general fund expenses and my salary so that I can be available to you 24/7 was very emotional for me. As one person said, "When I or my family needs you I don't want you working someplace else and can't come to us. You're our minister!"

Unity will continue to succeed with members and friends like you!

