



Eagle Vision Partner Letter

“A Lifestyle of Thanksgiving”

November 2004

Dear Partner,

I pray that his letter finds you prospering and in good health. As we approach the Holiday Season, it's always important to remember to be thankful.

In **Psalm 92:1** the Bible says It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High: After all, anyone can complain. I find that people that truly trust God are always willing to offer up thanksgiving to God. In **Psalm 100:1-4** it says to ¹Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. ² Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. ³Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. God takes care of those that are His. **Verse 4** says ⁴Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. God would not say to be thankful in advance if there was not a blessing in the near future for your life.

As a minister, I often visit a rest home and it is so interesting that some of those people will never be able to leave that place, but it is amazing how so many of them look at me after I minister and simply say “thank you.” Some have lost part of the brightness of their smile (their teeth), but they still light up the room with what they have. If we would just learn to be thankful for what we have, God could add so much more to us. Anytime we receive something from God it always requires trust. Our trust is demonstrated through thanksgiving. The Bible also says in **Philippians 1:6** Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: As I always say, it is not over until you win, so learn to be thankful until the breakthrough comes in the natural.

To be more thankful requires a determined focus. In **Philippians 4:4-8** the Word says ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. ⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue,

and if there be any praise, think on these things. It is all a matter of what you choose to focus on. Let's start being more thankful and every area of our lives will rise up to the God standard of living.

Steps to Become More Thankful

- ❑ Understand that being thankful is a matter of focus.
- ❑ Thankfulness requires trust in something bigger than you—God.
- ❑ A thankful person appreciates the small things until the big things come.

In His Love,

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Ministry Update

◆A BIG THANK YOU to all who attended our 2nd Church Anniversary service on November 14th. We had a blast! Many people were changed and refreshed in God's presence. Thank you to all of the members of ECCI who came together to make everything happen!! Also thanks to Sandy & Iris Jackson for ministering in song.

◆The ECCI Church Family had a great time coming together to prepare boxes and pray for the Operation Christmas Child Project.