WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

AS WE GET INTO THE HOLIDAYS, HERE ARE SOME EXCERPT FROM AN ARTICLE WRITTEN BY LYNETTE KITTLE ENTITLED, "3 WAYS TO BE THANKFUL THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS".

Especially during the holidays, it's easy for a heart of thankfulness to fade. And as with most things in life, it's easier said than done. So how do I go through the holiday season with a thankful heart? Scripture offers three directives in how to prepare my heart towards an attitude of gratefulness.

**1. Be Thankful in Actions**. Colossians 3:17 gives me clear direction stating "whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him," encouraging me to live out my <u>faith</u> through my actions and reactions.

This can be anything and everything I do from waking up in the morning and deciding to thank God for the day, to being a courteous and safe driver on the roadways. With each action and reaction, I can determine beforehand to have an attitude of gratitude towards God.

**2. Be Thankful By Remembering.** Psalm 77:11 encourages me to remember the deeds of the Lord, which can be as simple as thanking God for His comfort, presence, and peace in daily challenges, remembering that He never leaves me or forsakes me (Hebrews 13:5). Of thinking how I can cast all my anxiety on Him (1 Peter 5:7).

Reminding myself of His faithfulness stirs my heart towards thankfulness.

**3. Be Thankful in Everything**. Giving thanks in everything can seem like a hard task to accomplish at times, especially in difficult circumstances. Even so, <u>1 Thessalonians 5:18</u> directs me to make this choice stating, "give thanks in all circumstance; for this is God' will for you in Christ Jesus."

AS YOU LISTEN TO OUR PROGRAMMING I TRUST THAT THE MESSAGES YOU HEAR WILL HELP YOU MAINTAIN THAT ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE THAT IS OFTEN TALKED ABOUT. DESPITE WHAT WE SEE AND HEAR IN THE NEWS, WE HAVE MUCH TO BE THANKFUL EACH AND EVERY DAY. NO, IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY BUT AS WE KEEP OUR FOCUS ON CHRIST I BELIEVE IT BECOMES POSSIBLE.

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