

## How to Be Thankful in Difficult Circumstances – Part 2

Last week, we learned that one of the keys to having an attitude of gratitude is humility. There is great relief when we relinquish our pride and accept our position as grateful servants of God. The fact is, everyone serves something or someone. We only lack peace of mind when we can't make up our mind who we are serving. Choose Jesus and you choose the freedom to be what you were created to be.

*The Bible says to Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up!*

### I. Why is it Difficult For us to be Thankful?

### II. How to be Thankful in Hardship

### III. How? Spiritually speaking the way up is **D** \_\_\_\_\_!

- A. I can be Secure in my self-worth – **M** \_\_\_\_\_ NOT Weakness  
*(Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.) – Numbers 12:3*  
πράος -praos. Meek ≠ Mild. (Illust of Stallion under bit)
- B. Gracious when Offended (**F** \_\_\_\_\_)  
*Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." – Luke 23:34*
- C. Give Generously when Oppressed (**F** \_\_\_\_\_)  
*Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." – Luke 23:43*
- D. Gospel (Good News) during Onslaught (**F** \_\_\_\_\_)  
*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." – Acts 1:8*

### IV. Every Disciple Longs to be like His/Her **M** \_\_\_\_\_. Who is your MASTER?

- A. I can accept the IMPERFEKT because the perfect is On its Way!  
*And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. – Philippians 2:8-11*

### V. Antidote for NEGATIVITY is **G** \_\_\_\_\_ Service to Christ!! – Where you put your EYES!

- A. Do I believe God loves me?
- B. Don't Look at Others.
- C. Don't Just Look at your negative circumstances.
- D. Do Fix your eyes on Jesus.

Answers: III. Down; A. Meekness; B. Forgive; C. Forth-giving; D. Fore-telling; IV. Master; V. Grateful