

DISCIPLESHIP TODAY

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THIS MONTH'S FOCUS – Giving Thanks

And So the Story Goes....

Mike McAdams of Nashville, Tennessee, visited his wife Cheryl in the intensive care unit of the hospital. "How is she?" an anxious friend asked as he exited her unit. "It's touch and go," Mike replied. "She recognized me. We prayed together and held hands. And then we quoted the passage about thanksgiving in the book of James that says, 'Consider it joy, my brothers, when you face trials of many kinds...'" Then Mike added, "You know, it's impossible to be anxious and thankful at the same time."

(From *Nelson's Complete Book Of Stories, Illustrations & Quotes* by Robert Morgan)

They Said It:

"There are 138 passages of Scripture that deal with the subject of thanksgiving."
– Larry Poland



"Let gratitude for the past inspire us with trust for the future."
– Francois Fenelon

"Let us thank God heartily, as often as we pray, that we have His Spirit in us to teach us to pray. Thanksgiving will draw our hearts out to God and keep us engaged with Him; it will take our attention from ourselves and give the Spirit room in our hearts."
– Andrew Murray

"We would worry less if we praised more. Thanksgiving is the enemy of discontent and dissatisfaction."
– Harry Ironside

"Thanksgiving is a good thing; thanks-living is better."
– Anonymous

"Reflect upon your present blessings – of which every man has many – not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."
– Charles Dickens

Readings From The Scriptures:

Day 1 – I Chronicles 16:8

Day 2 – Psalm 28:7

Day 3 – Psalm 136:1-7

Day 4 – Luke 22:17-19

Day 5 – I Corinthians 15:57

Day 6 – I Thessalonians 5:18

Day 7 – Revelation 7:12

Try This Memory Verse:

"Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart." (*Colossians 4:2*)

We Would Appreciate Your Prayers....

...For a speaking engagement during chapel at Faith Heritage School in Syracuse on November 2nd.

...For our upcoming workshops in Carthage, NY, on November 13th, and Auburn COTN on November 20th.

...For God to open more doors of ministry in 2017 for The Discipleship Center.



NEWS & NOTES:

- Recent workshops....
 - ...In July, we met with Vicki Cammer's Ladies Bible Study group in Weedsport, to present "**Listening for God's Voice.**" It was great to see old friends, and meet new ones!
 - ...In early October, we met with the New Life Community COTN, to present "**Helps For Small Group Leaders.**" Our thanks to Pastor Nik Davis, SDMI Chairman Mark Shepardson, and a great group of participants – we enjoyed our time with you!
 - ...In Plattsburg, Binghamton, and Rochester, we participated in the Upstate NY District SDMI Convention tour, presenting "**Helps for Small Groups**" and "**Helps for Teaching Adults.**"
 - ...In September, at Auburn COTN, we wrapped up "**Your Christian Faith In The Workplace,**" which focused on Dan Boone's beneficial book entitled *The Way We Work.*
- We have our first TDC workshop available on YouTube, entitled "**Praying for Others.**" Thank you to Jeff Riggall for recording and uploading this session. To view this workshop, type in "Praying for Others, Ed Darling" in the www.YouTube.com search box; then click on the growing plant (TDC) icon.
- Rev. Paul Montague has done a great job, not only in presenting "**Developing Christian Relationships**" at Auburn COTN, but also for presenting "**Answering Objections To The Christian Faith**" during the District SDMI Convention Tour.



For workshop information, or to become a sponsor of TDC, please see our website at www.discipleshipcenter.org or you may contact us at: **Ed Darling**, Founding Director, 3356 E. Genesee Street Road, Auburn, NY 13021; edarlin1@gmail.com // dcentercny60@gmail.com // (315) 256-6548.

Biblical Characters Who Gave Thanks

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ANNA
CHOIRS
CREATURES
DANIEL
DAVID
ELDERS
ISRAELITES

JEDUTHUN
JESUS
LEVITES
MATTANIAH
MUSICIANS
PAUL
SAMARITAN
TRUMPETERS