

Radical Gratitude:

A Life Rooted in God's Love

SERIES: RADICALIS: DEVELOPING SPIRITUAL ROOTS -Part 1

Latin: *Radicalis = from the root*
“RADICAL” MEANS ROOTED

Colosians 2:6-7 (NLT) “Just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to live in obedience to him. Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him.”

Ephesians 3:17-19 (NLT) “May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. And may you have the power to understand ...how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. THEN you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God.”

Matthew 13:21 (CEV) “They don't have deep roots, so they don't last very long. As soon as life gets hard or the message gets them in trouble, they give up.”

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NLT) “BLESSED are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they go right on producing delicious fruit.”

2 Kings 19:30 (NAS) “The surviving remnant of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward.”

Colosians 2:7 (GW) “Sink your roots in him and build on him. Be strengthened by the faith that you were taught, and overflow with thanksgiving.”

1st Characteristic:

CONTINUOUS GRATITUDE

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV) “Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”

WHY IS GRATITUDE ALWAYS GOD'S WILL?

1. Because it **HONORS** GOD.
Psalm 50:23
2. Because it **CREATES** fellowship.
1 Thessalonians 5:11
3. Because it develops my **FAITH**.
Habakkuk 3:17
4. Because it **SERVES** others.
Ephesians 4:29
5. Because it is a **WITNESS** to unbelievers.
Philippians 2:14

THE BENEFITS OF RADICAL GRATITUDE

1. It keeps me in **GOD'S WILL**.
2. It makes me **BETTER** not bitter.
3. It **DEFEATS** the devil.
4. It causes **MIRACLES**.
Mark 11:24

How will you practice the 5 ways this week?