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## Philippians 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; <sup>4</sup> do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

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- a. **Parents**
- b. **Those Who Help Us** (Gen. 40:9, 14, 21, 23; 41:1, 9)
- c. **God** (James 1:17)

## James 1:17

**Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.**

## 2) Because Of Gratitude

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### 1) Characteristics Of Gratitude:

- a. **Humility** (Luke 17:14-16)
- b. **Praise & Thankfulness** (17:16)

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## 1 Timothy 2:1-2

First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,<sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

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## 2 Thessalonians 1:3

We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater;

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  - In Worship (Psalm 122:1; 95:1-7)

## Psalm 95:1-7

O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD, Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup> Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. <sup>3</sup> ... <sup>6</sup> Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. <sup>7</sup> For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand...

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  - In Prayer (1 Thess. 5:16-18)
  - Your Personal Salvation

## Isaiah 59:2

But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.

