

DANCE LIKE DAVID DANCED II:

THE FAITH OF THE DANCER

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TEXT: 2 Samuel 6:14-15

¹⁴ And David danced before the LORD with all his might, wearing a priestly garment.... ¹⁷ They brought the Ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the special tent David had prepared for it.

²⁰ When David returned home to bless his own family, Michal, the daughter of Saul, came out to meet him. She said in disgust, “How distinguished the king of Israel looked today, shamelessly exposing himself to the servant girls like any vulgar person might do!”

²¹ David retorted to Michal,

“I was dancing before the LORD, who chose me above your father and all his family! He appointed me as the leader of Israel, the people of the LORD, so I celebrate before the LORD. ²² Yes, and I am willing to look even more foolish than this, even to be humiliated in my own eyes! But those servant girls you mentioned will indeed think I am distinguished!”

Significance of David's faith is Thanksgiving and Appreciation of what God had done and not hope & prayer for what God will do.

“Give thanks with a grateful heart”

EPHESIANS 5:19-20 ~ "sing and make melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Psalm 28:7

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

Psalm 16:8-9

8 I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure.

I read a Billy Graham article that rightly said:

“Thanksgiving—the giving of thanks—to God for all His blessings should be one of the most distinctive marks of the believer in Jesus Christ. We must not allow a spirit of ingratitude to harden our heart and chill our relationship with God and with others.

- Thank God for the Material Blessings That He Gives You
- Thank God for the People in Your Life
- Thank God in the Midst of Trials and Even Persecution
- Thank God Especially for His Salvation in Jesus Christ
- Thank God for His Continued Presence and Power in Your Life
- **Thank God for honoring you and brining you thus far in life.**

Walking in the foot steps of others:

1 Chronicles 29:12-14

¹² Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.
In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.
¹³ Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.
¹⁴ “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to
give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have
given you only what comes from your hand.

Daniel 6:10

When the prophet Daniel learned that evil men were plotting against him to destroy him, “he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before”

Colossians 1:12

¹² giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

2 Corinthians 9:15

¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift of salvation!

Philippians 2:13

Thank God ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Philippians 4:13

¹³ I can do all things through [\[a\]](#)Christ who strengthens me.

Ephesians 5:20

²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Brethren, there are so many things we should thank God for.

The heart of the dancer (David)

2 Sam 6:17

¹⁷ They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD.

2 Sam 7

⁷ After David was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.”

³ Nathan replied to the king, “Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you.”

Like David, are we re-evaluating our relationship with God and our work for God? Are they enough? Are we making genuine efforts to enhance service?

**God does not forget His did and He rewards a grateful heart
(The diligent hand will rule)**

2 Sam 7 (God recounts what He did for David & acts on David's gratitude)

⁸ “tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. ⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. **Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth.** ... ¹¹ ...I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

“..The LORD himself will establish a house for you: ¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom.

All these because David remembered and gave thanks for what God had done!

The Rippling effect

2 Samuel 7

¹⁸ Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said:

“Who am I, Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? ¹⁹ And as if this were not enough in your sight, Sovereign LORD, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant—and this decree, Sovereign LORD, is for a mere human! [c]

²⁰ “What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, Sovereign LORD. ²¹ For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant.

²² “How great you are, Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you.

Thanking God has a rippling effect! The more we thank Him, the more He blesses us, the more we thank, the more He blesses.

BRETHREN, LETS GO AND DANCE LIKE DAVID DANCED.

GOD BLESS YOU!

2019 PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray over today's message. Ask for wisdom to be thankful like David
2. For KCM to continue to fulfil its mandate as "the house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:7), extending God's love to all the nations.

3. Prayer for the Leadership of Nations

1 Timothy 2:1-2 - petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful in all godliness and holiness.
Proverbs 11:14 - For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers.

4. **Thank God for stopping wars in nations. Isaiah 2:4 says** "People will beat their swords into plowshares. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore."

5. **Continue to ask God to have mercy on our land, forgive our sins & heal us (2 Chro, 7:13-18).**

6. **Pray for Ministers and Missionaries.- Wisdom to be thankful like David**

7. **Pray for Marriages, Children and families.**

8. **Pray for Members of the fellowship for Wisdom to be thankful like David**

9 **Lift up needs of the members & fellowship, and special request**

10. **Ask for God's mercy, and wisdom to be thankful like David**

11. **Also pray for next Sunday.**