# GIVE THANKS

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### YOU CAN'T NUMB A PROBLEM



## YOU HAVE TO FACE THE PROBLEM

# Definition of holiday: a day of festivity.

"Many people do experience exacerbated feelings of loneliness, and sadness, particularly people who do not have family connections and people who anticipate their family time with high hopes and then have them shattered when things don't work out so well at the holidays,"

*Every year 36,000 people commit suicide and 374,00 injuries are self inflicted* 

#### Quotes from Cinderella

And yet, through it all, Cinderella remained ever gentle and kind, for with each dawn she found new hope that someday, her dreams of happiness would come true. –

No matter how your heart is grieving, if you keep on believing, the dream that you wish will come true.

#### Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

Happy: I'd like to dance and tap my feet / But they won't keep in rhythm. ...

We all have this Cinderella mindset that life will be perfect forever after, but all too often we are more like Happy that we like to dance and tap our feet but they won't keep in rhythm. Life is about disappointments, in self, in others, in circumstances and situations, in our dreams, in employment, in the loss of loved ones, things that people have said, and the list goes on.

#### Romans 3:23 (NASB) <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

#### Romans 3:10 (NASB) <sup>10</sup> as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;

Disappointments are a part of life. Expectations are a part of life. Disillusionment is a part of life. Depression is a part of life.

So we can either stay as a defeated victim or we can <u>learn</u> to rise above our circumstance and <u>learn</u> how to be an overcomer.

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NASB) <sup>15</sup> Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of your time, because the days are evil.<sup>17</sup> So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:18-19 (NASB) <sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

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**Ephesians 5:20-21 (NASB)** <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; <sup>21</sup> and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

Never Allow Your Frustration With Life Or Your Situation To take You Or Remove You From The Call That God Has Placed On Your Life.

#### The reality:

The days are evil because they trick in believing we have more time and opportunities.

Second the days we do live in introduces evil into our lives thru perception, anger, frustration, disagreements and we must be care not to allow these feelings, emotions to hobble us.

Ephesians 6:12-13 (NIV) <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

John 10:10 (NASB) <sup>10</sup> "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.

You might make a futile attempt to numb the pain, but you are only postponing the pain, pain comes when we fall prey to the evil one and all of his schemes, and his greatest is to numb the pain and not confront it.

Isaiah 54:17 (NASB) <sup>17</sup> "No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their vindication is from Me," declares the LORD.

Through The Word Of God Confront Your Problems, Not In A Secular Way But In A Biblical Way: Offensively Not Defensively. Luke 10:19 (NASB) <sup>19</sup> "Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.

#### **Ephesians 4:27 (NASB)** <sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil an opportunity.

James 4:7 (NASB) <sup>7</sup> Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Learn how to address each other in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.

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Singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.

God wants us to not only encourage each other with praise, but to make worship a art of our everyday life.

The devil can never grab hold of our lives if we make God the main thing.

#### Always give thanks to God in everything.

When we respond to the Lord out of gratitude, we will see the world: our circumstances and our situations differently, Greater Is He That Lives In The World Than He That Lives In Us, And If God Be For Us Who Can Be Against, And Never Forget That The Battle Belongs To The Lord.

Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Mutual submission helps us to walk wisely. On our own, we often can't see truth in our circumstances. We must lean on the perspective of other Spirit-filled believers.

Amos 3:3 (NIV) <sup>3</sup> Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so? **Romans 8:37-39 (AMP)** <sup>37</sup> Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things impending and threatening nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God....

The Old Man and the Gulls" from Paul Harvey's The Rest of the Story

# Never Numb Your Problems, Always confront Them And Always Be Thankful!!!!