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Why We Do Three Days of Thanksgiving Coupled with Fasting



Eric Susberry
Pastor

One of the first responses of a sinner receiving salvation is “gratitude”, followed up with love. Gratitude, or thanksgiving as we call it, is beneficial. Thanksgiving is November 28th and it is vitally important for us as a church and individually to take special time out each year to give heartfelt acknowledgement to God for all of His blessings.

In Luke 17:11-19, Jesus

healed ten lepers and only one came back to say “Thank you”; Jesus’s response was “Where are the other nine?” One can only imagine the excuses of the nine who didn’t come back with gratitude. Sadly to say, many in the church today fail to give God thanks for all He has done, doing, and will continue to do for us.

I believe this is one major key to having more of God’s goodness directed our way in this upcoming new year. In Psalms 67: 5-6, one of my favorite scriptures on Thanks-giving says “Let the people praise Thee, O God: Let all

the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; And God, even our own God shall **bless us**”. In addition to thanking God for his goodness this year, there is a special blessing connected to those who will take time out to thank God.

One of the saddest stories in the Bible is the children of Israel’s failure to reach the promise land. One of the reasons was their failure to acknowledge and thank God “because Thou servedst not the Lord thy God with joyfulness and with gladness of heart
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An Enlightened View on Singleness



Caren Susberry
Assistant Pastor

What is God’s heart on singleness? That it is a good state in which to be. The word good (kalon) means advisable, advantageous, expedient, profitable and wholesome. It is a gift from God. It is a good state for widows. And the state in which to remain, if separation occurs and reconciliation is impossible according to

(I Cor 7:1, 7, 8, 10-11).

Singleness is the state of any man or woman who is of marriageable age but is not married. In the US, a young man or woman can get married at the age of 18 without the consent of a parent. However, looking back at what Pastor and I were like at that age, I think that is much too young. According to the Population Reference Bureau (PRB), the average age for first marriage is 27.6 for women and 29.5 for men in the United States. And in Illinois, the average age for first marriage is 28.6 for women and 30 for men.

As you can see by these statistics, people are remaining single for longer periods of time. I believe there is an advantage as it allows for more time to develop as a person. Successful marriages are made up of two singles who are whole in themselves.

By whole, I mean that they have surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus; that they appreciated who God has made them to be and have resolved their past hurts. Also, that they have given themselves a chance to accomplish
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"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thess 5:18). NKJV



"But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord. (1 Cor 7:32) NKJV



Why We Do Three...cont.

for the abundance of all things; therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the Lord shall send against thee in hunger, and in thirst and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and He shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee." (Deut 28:47-48). What a tragic end for God's people who don't give Him thanks.

May this heartbreaking attitude of ungratefulness not be found in us. God commands us to be

thankful in everything. And that means that thankfulness should not only occur when things are good but even when circumstances are not as we would wish. (1 Thess 5:18, Rom 8:28)

In sincere expression of our thankfulness to God, one week before the actual Thanksgiving Day, on November 19 through November 21, we have given special thanks coupled with fasting. If you missed out on those dates, you can still take time out give thanks to

Him, coupled with fasting. Information about how to do a three-day fast, along with 100 thanks-giving scriptures, will be on the table at the back of the church.

Also, during the month of November, we ask that you give a special one-time **Thanksgiving offering**. This special offering will go towards the Children's, Nursery, and Women's Ministry.

May you be filled with gratitude to God for who He is and all His Goodness!

An Enlightened View...cont.

some things in life (finish school, start a career, serve in their church, develop their gifts and talents, and learn from past mistakes). Wholeness also involves allowing God to work in your life to prepare you for what He has for your future. The whole person learns to not be anxious about anything. And their desire is to please God. Being single can afford you time to work on these things. Singleness today is a broad category. It involves

adults who have never married, adults whose mates have died, adults who are divorced, and those who are separated, but still married.

Singleness, like marriage, has its own special needs and concerns. The unmarried person should care about the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord (1 Cor. 7:32). It is interesting to note that Paul chose the gift of singleness, so did Anna after her husband had

died when she was young. And even Jesus chose to please the Lord by remaining single. It is important to note, He did so by being holy in both body and spirit.

Our Father's heart for singles is that they would care for the things of the Lord. He loves you and has a plan and purpose for you in your single state. Successful living for singles is as it is for everyone; that is to fulfill their God given assignment.

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year ~Jessica Diane Ware

We are quickly approaching what has been long considered to be the most wonderful time of the year. Indeed, as we prepare to gather together with family and friends this Christmas season to celebrate the birth of our Savior, our hearts are full joy, excitement and cheer. But for many, this holiday

season may be challenging. Some will be experiencing their very first Christmas since the death of a parent, child, or even a spouse. Others may be experiencing loneliness. There will also be those for whom the season will be shaded by a divorce, loss of a job, or the loss of a home. When

Christ was born, the Bible says that all of heaven proclaimed "Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace, and goodwill toward men!" Luke 2:14. As such, this Christmas season let us endeavor to spread goodwill toward men by remembering those who are hurting or suffering loss!

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Victory Makes Giving Easier~Al Robinson

Giving is a vital part of all church communities. Giving helps keep the utility bills paid, the building clean, the staff employed, and funds a host of services and ministries that the church supports.

At Victory, we want to make the giving process as effortless as possible. To accommodate this, we have contracted with an online services provider by the name of PushPay. PushPay allows you to give all of your church contributions online through the cloud. You no longer have to worry about bringing a checkbook,

cash or standing in that long credit card machine line every time you come to church.

Just logon to the church website: victoryinchristkingdom.org and scroll down to GIVE, fill out your information, select the fund you want the money to go to and the entire transaction can be conducted on your cell phone. You don't even have to wait until Sunday to give your offering and can give at any time or any place.

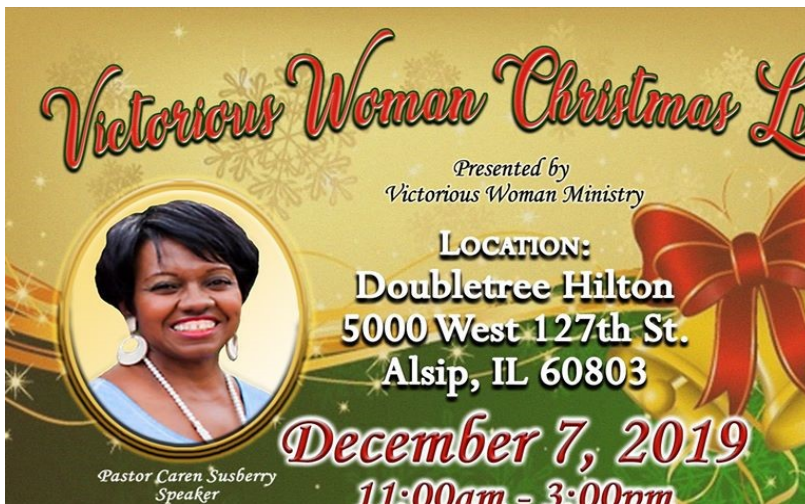
You can setup your giving to be automatically synced with your pay cycle, so you won't have to worry about

forgetting to make an offering. You don't even need to fill out an offering envelope any more.

Everything will take place online. Your information is safely encrypted in a database. You can even lookup the history of your giving online without having to call the church. Once you enter in your information initially, you only have to press a few buttons for your next gift. Pushpay makes giving easy and convenient for you. Now you can give whatever you want when you want.

Log onto our church website and give Pushpay a try today.

Christmas Merriment!



Victorious Woman Christmas Luncheon
Presented by
Victorious Woman Ministry
LOCATION:
Doubletree Hilton
5000 West 127th St.
Alsip, IL 60803
December 7, 2019
11:00am - 3:00pm
Pastor Caren Susberry
Speaker

Christmas Play



December 22, 2019
10am service

Christmas Service



December 25, 2019
8am service

Christmas Youth Sunday



December 29, 2019
10am service

Dear Mother Eunice, I am a single mother with two children and I have been dating a man who also has two children. What is one thing I need to think about should I marry this man?

In a word? The children: their raising and their discipline. I have discovered that one of the biggest challenges in remarriage is the blending of families. Should you choose to go on this journey, to be successful, you must cling to Jesus. I do believe that if you seek the face of God, He will give you a special grace to handle any and all challenges that may arise. Especially, if your new spouse has children of tender years.

Young children need discipline. That is a fact, but as a stepparent, that cannot be your initial goal. Instead, it is important that you build a relationship with the children, taking time to understand them and recognizing that they may be feeling threatened and displaced. You need to make sure that you're not immature yourself and that you don't make a bad situation worse. To really make your family work, you and your new spouse need to come together to make new rules that work for this new family. Be mindful that this is just general advice. As always before you make such a decision, cover it with a lot of prayer.

Want to learn more? Come out to our Family Matters series on Sundays

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Service*
at: 10:00 am

Sunday School
at: 8:45 am

Midweek Service
Wednesday at 7pm

*The Nursery is open during
Sunday & Midweek Services.

Want to Know More About Our Church?



**Praise God we paid off our
church last year and now we can
do some much needed repairs to
our church building!
Don't forget to finish your
Building Fund Pledge!**

**Coming in 2020:
Bookstore**

Weekly Intercessory Prayer Schedule:

Every Sunday 8am

1st and 3rd Tuesday
10am-12pm

Every Tuesday
6:00-7:00pm

Fast Day Every Tuesday
Fast until Noon

Every other Wed at
6:15pm

Every 1st Wed. at 10pm-
6am

Every Saturday 7-8:30am

Sunday Bible School has classes for everyone!

- *Be Alive- St John 1-12*
- *Every Young Man-God's Man*
- *Watch This-A Getting There Guide to Manhood for Teen Guys*
- *This is Me: A Teen Girl's Guide to Becoming the Real You*
- Classes for children of all ages!

It's not to be missed!



***Victory in Christ Kingdom a place
where you can walk in total success in
all areas of your life!***