

Kingdomnomics
Appreciate Anything
November 28, 2021

1. On a scale of 1-10 How rich do you think you are?

2. **Rom 1:21**

21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

First observation: when our thanking ceases, our thinking decreases.

Question: What does that statement mean to you?

3. **Second observation: if you thank God less, you will inevitably think of god-substitutes more.**

Always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Christ. (Ephesians 5:20)

Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. (Philippians 4:6 NLT)

Question: What are some of the God substitutes that you have been tempted with?

4. **Thanksgiving decreases entitlement.**

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. (1 Timothy 6:6-8)

Don't be deceived my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father... (James 1:16-17)

Question: How does giving thanks to God for all that you have decrease your sense of entitlement?

Question: Share five things you are grateful for.

5. **Thanksgiving increases enjoyment.**

When God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. (Ecclesiastes 5:19)

*Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God who richly gives us all we need for our **enjoyment**. (1 Timothy 6:17 NLT)*

Since everything God created is good, we should not reject any of it but receive it with thanks. (1 Timothy 4:4 NLT)

Question: How well do you enjoy the wealth God has given you?

6. **The more grateful you are, the more joyful you will be with what you have.**

Enjoy what you have instead of desiring what you don't have. (Ecclesiastes 6:9 NLT)

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift. (2 Corinthians 9:15)

To do: Take some time this week and make a list of all the things you are thankful for and share them with someone.

7. In this series we have learned several things about Kingdomnomics. Please take some time to reflect on each lesson we have learned and write a short paragraph or share how each of these principles have effected your thinking and one thing you will do to be more centered on the Kingdomnomics of God.
 - a. **Kingdomnomics 101: God owns all.**
 - b. **Kingdomnomics 201: Steward everything.**
 - c. **Kingdomnomics 301: Do something.**
 - d. **Kingdomnomics 401: Appreciate anything.**