



REASONS FOR THANKING GOD: LIFE

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE
Psalm 150:1-6

ADDITIONAL STUDY
Matthew 6:25
Psalm 103:1-5
Proverbs 4:18

TO DO

Celebrate God today for your life and for everything good in it; let your praise come up as a sweet sacrifice to the Lord, do not be silent!

*Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!
- Psalm 150:6*

If you can read this, it means you have breath (Life), and because you have breath, you have another reason to thank God in this season of thanksgiving. The gift of life is a foundational blessing of God; but many don't recognize it as such. LIFE is seen as something mundane – common for many, as such, they take it for granted because it has been freely given to them.

Imagine if God were to charge you for the oxygen you take in, would you have been able to afford it? Do you have an idea of how much people pay to be on life support machines in the hospital? God has given you the gift of life, cherish it as valuable because many had plans for what they would do in December 2017, but today they are no more. Don't wait for something spectacular to happen in your life before you can thank God, just thank Him that you are alive!

Ecclesiastes 9:4 declares that, "...A living dog is better than a dead lion." As long as you have life, things can turn around. There is hope for you, and you can expect that your future will be better than your past, because the path of the just shines brighter...

There is a Yoruba adage that says, "If you do something good for someone and the person never comes back to thank you, it feels like a thief stole that thing from you." The truth is, your life is a billboard, a testimony of God's goodness, recognize this central reality and express it in thanksgiving. He who is not grateful for life will be grounded for life. It has been said that "It is only a great fool that will not be grateful."

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