

**Week of: May 17, 2009**

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### **Monday**

1Chr. 16:8-10 Oh give thanks to the LORD,...Make known His deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders. Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad.

The healing power of a thankful heart cannot be overestimated. When the saint of God is purposely thankful, when he/she determines to focus upon daily blessings, stress is relieved, faith is renewed, and health is enhanced. Learning to be thankful for others, purposely focusing upon God's daily blessings, determining to live in the bright light of God's grace will do more for you and for others than you can yet imagine. As the songsmith wrote, "Count your blessings name them one by one. Count your blessings see what God has done." Determine to be thankful.

### **Tuesday**

1Chr. 16:14-15 He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth. Remember His covenant forever, The word which He commanded to a thousand generations.

Of this you can be sure: God is faithful to His word. He keeps and fulfills His promises. He does not fail to do so; because of His righteous nature, He cannot fail to do so. Just as it is the nature of man to eat, sleep, and hunger, so it is God's nature to keep His word. This never changes. His promises are true. He has made a covenant of salvation with you. He cannot fail to keep it. He has promised to forgive you for Christ's sake. You are therefore forgiven. He has promised provision and heaven, and by the nature of His righteousness both are assured to you. Rejoice in God's covenant for He is faithful.

### **Wednesday**

1Chr. 16:23 Sing to the LORD, all the earth; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day. Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

As sure as it is God's nature to keep His promise and honor His word, so it is the nature of God's children to share His greatness in witness to the world. When you consider His blessings and meditate upon His goodness you cannot help but tell it to others. Are you His? Are you blessed? Are you telling others?

### **Thursday**

1Chr. 16:28-29 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him; Worship the LORD in holy array.

Look deeply at this instruction for the blessing of your family. The Family that worships the Lord is honored by God. This is instruction for every father; likewise it is instruction for every godly mother. Bring your family to worship. Ascribe together the praises of God. Let your children hear you sing, give testimony, honor your leaders, and study God's word. Together bring an offering before Him. Those who lead their family in worship, true worship, will not be put to shame.

### **Friday**

1Chr. 16:36 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, From everlasting even to everlasting. Then all the people said, "Amen," and praised the LORD.

"And all the people said, 'Amen' and praised the LORD." Do you see it? Worship, by its very definition, takes place among the people of God. Worship concludes with a congregational "Amen!" The Praise of God's people is corporate. They are gathered together for praise, to hear God's word, to testify of His acts and goodness. Do not fall for the trap of Satan and think that worship can be practiced in solitude and silence. Meditation, quiet times of reflection and prayer: these we may describe as private worship. But the Bible calls for public, joyous, communal worship. Bring the family and PRAISE YE THE LORD!