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of our _____ on God.
2. **Thankfulness** is the _____ to
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3. **Thankfulness** paves the way to _____.
4. **Thankfulness** is an act of _____.
5. **Thankfulness** is an _____ of
God’s _____ in our lives.
6. **Thankfulness** emphasizes the importance of _____.
7. **Thankfulness** is an expression of _____.

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1. **Thankfulness** is a **reminder** of our **dependence** on God.

“The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him” (Psalm 28:7, ESV).

“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:57, ESV).

2. **Thankfulness** is the **antidote** to **selfishness**.

“But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere” (2 Corinthians 2:14, ESV).

3. **Thankfulness** paves the way to **contentment**.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6, ESV).

“I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds” (Psalm 9:1, ESV).

4. **Thankfulness** is an act of **humility**.

“Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds”
(Matthew 14:19, ESV).

5. **Thankfulness** is an **acknowledgement** of God’s **lordship** in our lives.

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (I Thessalonians 5:18, ESV).

“Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire” (Hebrews 12:28-29, ESV).

6. **Thankfulness** emphasizes the importance of **community**.

“I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,” (Ephesians 1:16, ESV).

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing (I Thessalonians 5:11, ESV).

7. **Thankfulness** is an expression of **worship**.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” (Colossians 3:16, ESV).

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! (Psalm 100:4, ESV).