# E<sup>3</sup> - ECUBED INTERNATIONAL NEED PRAYER?

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As people are encouraged, their spiritual and physical lives become enriched and they become empowered to do the same thing for someone else.

## **AUDIENCES SERVED and HOW**

### <u>SPIRITUAL</u>

### PHYSICAL

Discipleship: High School & College Students Single Moms & Widows

Single Moms & Widows Corporate & Global Leaders

Evangelism

Marriage Preparation & Marriage Enrichment: College Age and 20 Something Single and Married Adults

Spiritual Reminders

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<u>Financial and Material</u> <u>Support For</u>:

People with Special Needs Single Moms & Widows Orphans Unemployed & Underemployed

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This is a different perspective on blessings than most people have, most of the time. While it is very important to be continuously thankful to God for his many blessings to us:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Every blessing we receive from God is to be used for His glory anyway:

2 Corinthians 4:15 - For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

What is of even higher importance is:

1) to be thankful for the victory we have over death, because without that nothing in this world matters

1 Corinthians 15:56-57 - The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 16:25-26 - For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

2) we should seek to be a blessing to God and others before all else:

Matthew 6:33 - But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

The greatest commandment of God is to love the "Blessor more than His blessings":

Matthew 22:37-40 - Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

There is a quote that is not in the Bible that sums it up pretty well. The man is Winston Churchill and his quote is as follows: "We make a living by what we do, we make a life by what we give." This is not a new concept because it says in the Bible:

*Ecclesiastes 1:9 - That which has been is what will be,That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun.* 

God said it first when he said:

Romans 12:1 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Because under our own power we cannot be the unselfish, sacrificial people we are called to be, when we come to Christ, and we abide in Christ, HE does it for us:

Galatians 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

John 15:4-5 - Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Thanks to God ALONE for all of our friends and family and all of HIS many spiritual and physical blessings in our lives.