

**Psalm 100:4-5 NIV** Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**We Love Fresh Starts**

- **Lamentations 3:23** says, “His mercies are new every morning...”
- **Psalm 103:12** says, “As far as the east is from the west so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”
- **2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

**There is Power in Starting**

- **James 2:26 NKJV** For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead..’
- **Deuteronomy 8:8 NKJV** The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand...
- **Luke 9:62 MSG** Jesus said, “No procrastination. No backward looks. You can’t put God’s kingdom off till tomorrow. Seize the day.”

**Strong Starts Matter**

- **Matthew 7:13-14 MSG** “Don’t look for shortcuts to God. The market is flooded with surefire, easygoing formulas for a successful life that can be practiced in your spare time. Don’t fall for that stuff, even though crowds of people do. The way to life—to God!—is vigorous and requires total attention.

## 3 Things That Happen When You Enter with Thanksgiving



### 1. Your heart is protected.

- **Deuteronomy 8:11, 18 NKJV** “Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God... 18 ...for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

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### 2. Our Faith is infected.

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### 3. Satan’s schemes are rejected.

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# 3 Things We Can All Be Thankful For



## 1. Thank God For His Goodness!

- **1 Samuel 16:10-13** NIV 10 Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel. Samuel was blunt with Jesse, "GOD hasn't chosen any of these." 11 Then he asked Jesse, "Is this it? Are there no more sons?" "Well, yes, there's the runt. But he's out tending the sheep." Samuel ordered Jesse, "Go get him. We're not moving from this spot until he's here." 12 Jesse sent for him. He was brought in, the very picture of health— bright-eyed, good-looking. GOD said, "Up on your feet! Anoint him! This is the one." 13 Samuel took his flask of oil and anointed him, with his brothers standing around watching. The Spirit of GOD entered David like a rush of wind, God vitally empowering him for the rest of his life. Samuel left and went home to Ramah.

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## 2. Thank God for His Enduring Love.

- **2 Samuel 11:2-5** NIV 2 One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, 3 and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" 4 Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (She had purified herself from her uncleanness.) Then she went back home. 5 The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."
- **2 Samuel 11:15** NLT The letter instructed Joab, "Station Uriah on the front lines where the battle is fiercest. Then pull back so that he will be killed."
- **2 Samuel 11:25** NIV David told the messenger, "Say this to Joab: 'Don't let this upset you; the sword devours one as well as another. Press the attack against the city and destroy it.' Say this to encourage Joab."
- **1 Samuel 12:7** NIV ....Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man!"
- **Psalms 100:4-5** NKJV 4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. 5 For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations..
- **2 Samuel 12:13** NKJV So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die."

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## 3. Give Thanks to God For His Faithfulness.

- **2 Samuel 12:24** NIV Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and he went to her and lay with her. She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon. The LORD loved him; 25 and because the LORD loved him, he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah.
- **Matthew 1:1,5-7** and **16** NIV A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David 5 Obed the father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, 7 Solomon the father of Rehoboam, 16 and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

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