

## How GRATITUDE Really Works

### Nature of Gratitude

a type of joy that arises in our hearts in response to the good will of someone who tries to do us a favor

\_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ attempt not \_\_\_\_\_

Gratitude's JOY expresses itself in relationship to the value of cause

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ to us of the gift given
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ it cost someone to give it
- 3) our own sense of \_\_\_\_\_ to receive the gift

### Gratitude and TIME

Focused at the "good will" aimed at helping us

Joy of Gratitude looks back-- \_\_\_\_\_

Joy of Faith looks forward-- \_\_\_\_\_

2Corinthians 1:19-20

## Gratitude and RELATIONSHIP

Connected to \_\_\_\_\_ for personhood

Impossible to thank God (rightly) for His gifts without also desiring Him for His character

James 4:1-4

Ask- \_\_\_\_\_ don't receive

Ask wrongly- disrespect

Like: \_\_\_\_\_

### Gratitude Properly Expressed

*Gratitude is the joy that arises in response to God's good will toward us in all his gifts. This joy desires to express the value of that good will.*

How should it work?

Honor the NATURE and AIM of the good will...

NATURE-

AIM-

1. Can't be \_\_\_\_\_
2. Acknowledge \_\_\_\_\_
3. Words of \_\_\_\_\_
4. Acts of \_\_\_\_\_
5. Acts of \_\_\_\_\_