

The Discounted God!
A Grateful Heart, part 4
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1) The power of one is not in _____ but _____.

➤ Daniel, was the **only one** who saw the vision; the men with me did not see it, but such terror overwhelmed them that they fled and hid themselves. So I was **left alone**, gazing at this great vision. Then I heard him speaking, and as I listened to him, I fell into a deep sleep. A hand touched me. He said, "Daniel, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you for **I have now been sent to you.**" Dan 10:7-11 NIV

➤ This is what the LORD says: "In the time of my favor **I will answer** you, and in the day of salvation **I will help you**; I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances, to say to the captives, 'Come out,' and to those in darkness, 'Be free!' Isa 49:8-9 NIV

➤ "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: '**Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,**' says the LORD Almighty. Zech 4:6 NIV

2) The real question is not; "What can _____ do?" but "What can _____ do through _____?"

➤ But Moses said to God, "**Who am I**, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" And God said, "**I will be with you.** And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." Ex 3:11-12 NIV

➤ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "**Whom shall I send?** And who will go for us?" And I said, "**Here am I. Send me!**" Isa 6:8 NIV

➤ For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And **who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?**" Est 4:13-14 NIV

3) We _____ God every time we choose _____ over _____, or choose the _____ instead of the _____.

➤ "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, **your kingdom** come, **your will** be done Matt 6:9-10 NIV

➤ He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, **may your will be done.**" Matt 26:42 NIV

➤ The percent of eligible voters who voted in 2000 _____

➤ The percent of Church members who contribute to the local Church budget _____

➤ The percent of church members who return tithe. _____

4) We _____ every day for the kingdom we will _____, either grace or self.

➤ All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Matt 25:32-33 NIV

➤ What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, **faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.** James 2:14-17 NIV

➤ And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, **their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.** For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the **privilege of sharing** in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 2 Cor 8:1-7 NIV