



Gratitude for Mentors and Leaders



Explore a 5-day journey appreciating God's design in mentors and leaders, discovering how gratitude shapes our walk and community.



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Introduction

Gratitude is more than a feeling; it's a lifestyle—especially when it comes to mentors and leaders God places in our lives. These individuals guide us, challenge us, and model Christ-like character. A heart of gratitude for them not only honors their efforts but acknowledges God's hand in our growth and success.

Throughout this study, we'll explore Biblical truths about leadership and mentorship, reflecting on how gratitude can deepen relationships, encourage those who lead, and strengthen our own faith. Leadership in Scripture is often humble yet impactful, marked by service, wisdom, and courage. Recognizing these traits in others allows us to give thanks to God who works through them.

From Moses and Joshua, to Paul and Timothy, the Bible offers us rich examples of mentor-mentee relationships that flourish through mutual respect and thankfulness. We'll dive into passages that urge believers to respect, pray for, and uplift their leaders, and how expressing gratitude benefits both the giver and receiver. This plan invites you to open your heart, reflect on those who have helped you spiritually and personally, and respond with thankfulness that honors God.

Get ready to deepen your appreciation for God's provision through people, embracing a spirit of gratitude that encourages, strengthens, and reminds us



all that no one walks this journey of faith alone. Our leaders and mentors are precious gifts—let's learn to cherish them through God's Word and prayer.





Day 1: ✨ The Gift of Godly Mentors



Your Verse

Hebrews 13:7 - "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."

Supporting Scriptures

- *1 Thessalonians 5:12 - "Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you."*
- *Proverbs 27:17 - "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."*



Devotional: Recognizing the Blessing of Godly Mentors

Mentors and leaders are God's gifts to our spiritual journey. Hebrews 13:7 reminds us to remember them, not just casually but intentionally, by reflecting on their faith and example. These people have spoken God's Word into our lives and demonstrated what faith looks like in action.

Think about the leaders who have made an impact on you. Maybe it's a pastor, a teacher, or a trusted spiritual friend. Their faithfulness and diligence have not only encouraged but challenged you to grow closer to God. Recognizing their role cultivates gratitude and encourages us to honor them in return.

The image from Proverbs 27:17 shows the mutual sharpening within these relationships. Leaders mature us, and we encourage them through acknowledgment and respect. This sparks a cycle where faith is strengthened on both sides.

Today, let's begin with thankfulness for these mentors. Their influence is a tangible reminder that God works through people to nurture His Church. Gratitude opens our eyes to these blessings and sets the tone for deeper appreciation throughout this study.



Reflect and Apply

1. Who are the leaders or mentors God has placed in your life, and how have they impacted your faith?

2. What qualities in your mentors have challenged you to grow spiritually?

3. How can remembering and imitating their faith encourage your own spiritual journey?



Day 1: ✨ The Gift of Godly Mentors

Journaling Prompts

1. List specific ways a mentor or leader has influenced your walk with God.

2. Write about a time when a leader's example helped you through a difficult season.

3. Describe how you can show gratitude to a current mentor or leader.



Day 1: ✨ The Gift of Godly Mentors

Prayer for Today

Father, thank You for the mentors and leaders You've placed in my life. Help me to see them as You see them—precious instruments shaping my faith. Give me a heart full of gratitude that honors their sacrifice and dedication. Teach me to encourage and support them as I grow, reflecting Your love through my actions. May I always remember their example and strive to follow the path of faith they show. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🙏💡❤️📖





Day 2: 💡 God's Hand in Leadership



Your Verse

Romans 13:1 - "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established."

Supporting Scriptures

- *1 Timothy 5:17 - "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching."*
- *Psalms 75:6-7 - "No one from the east or the west or from the desert can exalt themselves. It is God who judges: He brings one down, he exalts another."*



Devotional: Honoring God–Ordained Leadership

Leadership is ultimately established by God. Romans 13:1 reminds us that all authority is under His sovereign control. Knowing this invites us to approach leaders with reverence and gratitude, understanding they serve a role within His divine plan.

In the church and beyond, God appoints leaders to shepherd His people. 1 Timothy 5:17 underscores the honor due to elders and those who invest deeply in teaching and guiding believers. Their work is not easy, often requiring wisdom, patience, and sacrifice.

Psalm 75:6–7 offers an important perspective: true elevation comes from God, not self-promotion. This encourages humility in our leaders and gratitude from those they lead, as the roles they hold are gifts for the common good.

When we recognize leadership as God–ordained, our hearts soften toward those in authority, even when challenges arise. Gratitude becomes a response to their God–given service, reminding us to pray for wisdom and strength for them continually.



Reflect and Apply

1. How does seeing leadership as God-established change your attitude toward mentors and leaders?

2. In what ways can you respect and support leaders—even when you disagree?

3. How can you pray for those in authority in your life to fulfill God's purposes?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a leader you've struggled to appreciate and how understanding God's sovereignty might help.

2. List ways you can express honor or support to leaders in your community or church.

3. Reflect on the qualities you see in God-ordained leaders and how they inspire you.



Day 2: 💡 God's Hand in Leadership

Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for the gift of leadership and for ordaining those You call to guide Your people. Help me to honor and support them with a grateful heart. Grant them wisdom, humility, and strength as they serve. Teach me to see their role as part of Your perfect plan, encouraging me to pray continually for them. May my gratitude be expressed in ways that uplift and bless their labor. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🙏 📖 📄 ✨





Day 3: Serving in Gratitude



Day 3: 🧡 Serving in Gratitude

Your Verse

1 Peter 5:2-3 - "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 20:26 - "Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant."*
- *Galatians 5:13 - "Serve one another humbly in love."*



Day 3: 🧡 Serving in Gratitude

Devotional: Gratitude Inspires Servant Leadership

Leadership is defined by service rooted in willingness and love. 1 Peter 5:2–3 encourages leaders to shepherd not out of obligation but joy, setting an example rather than seeking control or gain.

As followers and mentees, our response to such servant leadership should be gratitude expressed through support and cooperation. Jesus reinforced this in Matthew 20:26, teaching that greatness in God’s kingdom is found in serving one another humbly and lovingly.

Galatians 5:13 reminds us that serving others is not just for leaders but a calling for all Christians. Showing gratitude for mentors involves embracing a heart of service ourselves—whether by encouragement, prayer, or practical assistance, we reflect our thanks.

Today, consider how gratitude inspires a lifestyle of service both to those who lead and to others around you. This mutual care strengthens community and honors God’s design for leadership and discipleship.



Day 3: 🧡 Serving in Gratitude

Reflect and Apply

1. How does recognizing servant leadership impact your appreciation for mentors and leaders?

2. In what practical ways can you show gratitude through service to your leaders or community?

3. How does serving others deepen your own spiritual walk and sense of gratitude?



Day 3: 🧡 Serving in Gratitude

Journaling Prompts

1. Describe a time when a leader's humble service inspired you.

2. Write ways you can serve leaders or mentors as a form of gratitude.

3. Reflect on how serving others has shaped your faith journey.



Day 3: 🧡 Serving in Gratitude

Prayer for Today

Father, thank You for leaders who serve the body willingly and with love. Help me to recognize their servant hearts and to respond with gratitude by serving others around me. Teach me humility and eagerness to support, encourage, and uplift those You call to lead. May my service honor You and strengthen the bonds of our community. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🙏👏💖✨





Day 4: 🙏 Praying with Gratitude



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Your Verse

1 Timothy 2:1 - "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority,"

Supporting Scriptures

- *Philippians 1:3 - "I thank my God every time I remember you."*
- *Ephesians 6:18 - "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."*



Day 4: 🙏 Praying with Gratitude

Devotional: Expressing Gratitude Through Prayer

Prayer is a powerful way to express gratitude for mentors and leaders. 1

Timothy 2:1 highlights that intercession and thanksgiving for all people in authority is an urgent, important task for believers.

Paul's heart of gratitude shines in Philippians 1:3, where he joyfully remembers fellow believers and leaders. Regularly praying for leaders nurtures an attitude of thankfulness and supports them spiritually.

Ephesians 6:18 teaches us to pray persistently and Spirit-led, covering fellow believers and leaders with God's protection, guidance, and grace. This ongoing prayer connects us closely with those we appreciate, acknowledging their spiritual needs.

Make it your goal today to commit to praying specifically and consistently for your mentors and leaders. This enhances your gratitude beyond words—turning it into active support shaped by God's power.



Day 4: 🙏 Praying with Gratitude

Reflect and Apply

1. How often do you pray for the mentors and leaders in your life?

2. What difference might it make to express specific gratitude for them in your prayers?

3. How does praying for leaders impact your perspective and relationship with them?



Day 4: 🙏 Praying with Gratitude

Journaling Prompts

1. Write a prayer of thanks for a specific mentor or leader.

2. List ways you can be more intentional about praying for people in authority.

3. Reflect on a time when prayer strengthened your relationship with a leader.



Day 4: 🙏 Praying with Gratitude

Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for the leaders and mentors You have placed in my life. I commit to praying for them faithfully, lifting them up with thanksgiving and intercession. Strengthen their hearts, grant them wisdom, and cover them with Your peace. Help me develop a consistent prayer life that honors them and brings glory to You. May my prayers be a source of encouragement and blessing. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🙏💍💌🌟





Day 5: ❤️ Living a Lifestyle of Gratitude



Your Verse

Colossians 3:15-17 - "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalm 100:4 - "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."*
- *1 Corinthians 15:58 - "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."*



Devotional: Embracing Gratitude as a Daily Practice

Our study ends where it began—with a call to live with gratitude daily.

Colossians 3:15–17 ties together peace, thankfulness, and worship as the foundation for community life centered on Christ’s message.

When gratitude is woven into our every interaction—including those with mentors and leaders—our relationships and faith flourish. Psalm 100:4 encourages us to approach God’s presence with hearts brimming with thanksgiving, which naturally overflows to how we treat others.

1 Corinthians 15:58 reminds us that our labor—whether leading, mentoring, or following—is significant when done in the Lord. Living out gratitude motivates us to stand firm and serve faithfully, grateful for the roles God gives us and those He appoints to guide us.

As you conclude this plan, reflect on how gratitude can shape your ongoing relationships with mentors and leaders—not just in words but through daily actions, worship, service, and prayer. Gratitude is a lifestyle that glorifies God and blesses His Church.



Day 5:  Living a Lifestyle of Gratitude

Reflect and Apply

1. How can you cultivate gratitude as a continuous attitude in your relationships?

2. In what ways does gratitude influence your response to leadership and mentorship?

3. What practical habits will help you live out thankfulness daily?



Day 5: ❤️ Living a Lifestyle of Gratitude

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about how this study has shaped your view of gratitude.

2. List daily practices that will help you maintain a grateful heart toward leaders.

3. Describe a plan to express your gratitude more consistently in word and action.



Day 5: ❤️ Living a Lifestyle of Gratitude

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for teaching me the importance of gratitude for mentors, leaders, and Your work through them. Help me to live with a thankful heart daily, letting Your peace rule in every relationship. May my life reflect Your grace as I honor and support those You place in positions of leadership. Teach me to worship You with joy and serve others with love, growing continually in gratitude. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🙏🎵❤️🕊️





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