

# Prayer

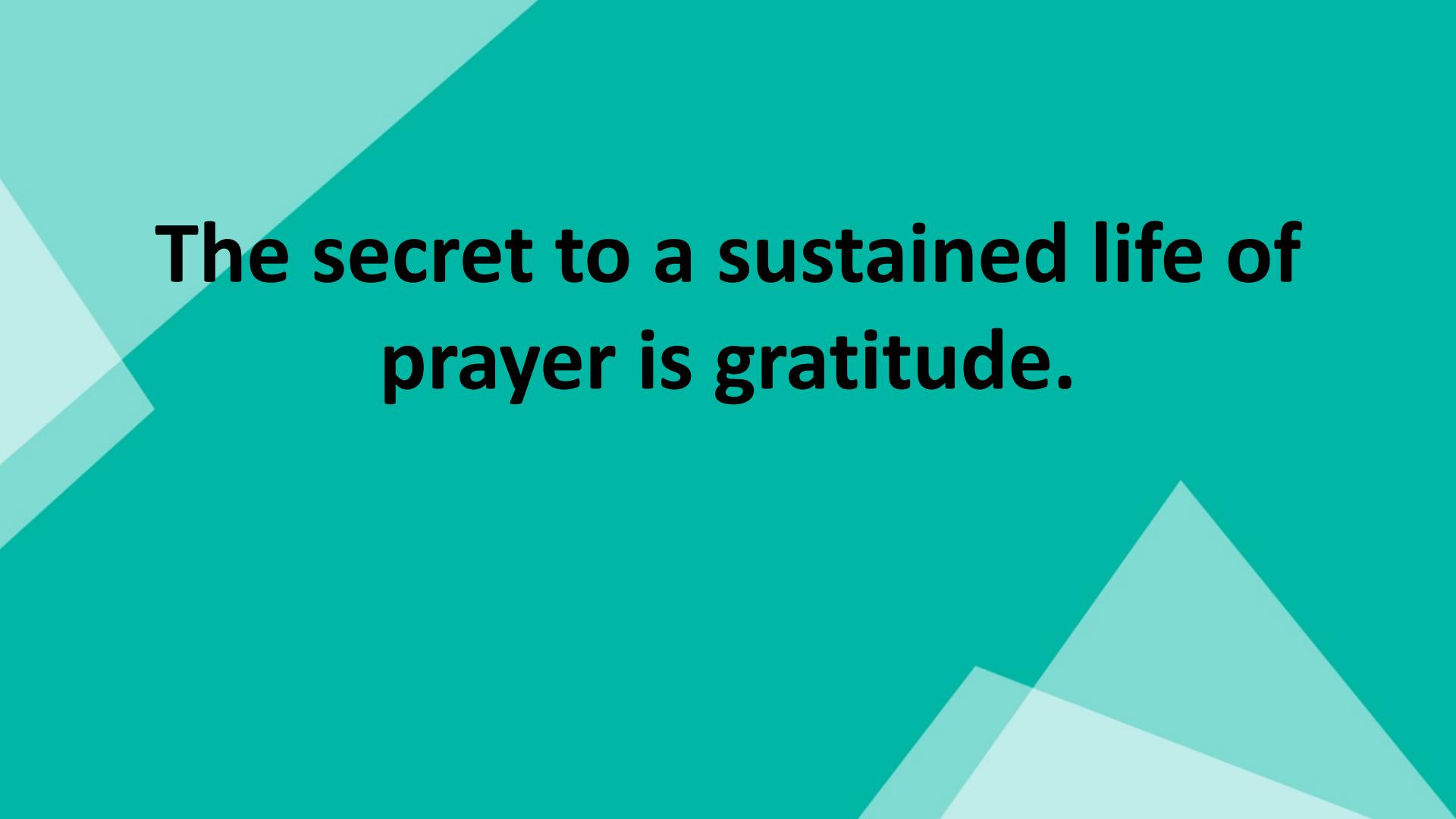
MOVING FROM *Duty* TO *Delight*

# **Gratitude: Prayer's Backbone**

# Matthew 6:9-13 (ESV)

Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread, <sup>12</sup> and forgive  
us our debts, as we also have forgiven our  
debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil.

- Confidence: God, you are our Father.
- Adoration: Father, you are worthy of all praise.
- Submission: Father, send your kingdom today.
- Petition: Father, help us.
- Confession: Father, forgive us.
- Ambition: Father, lead us.

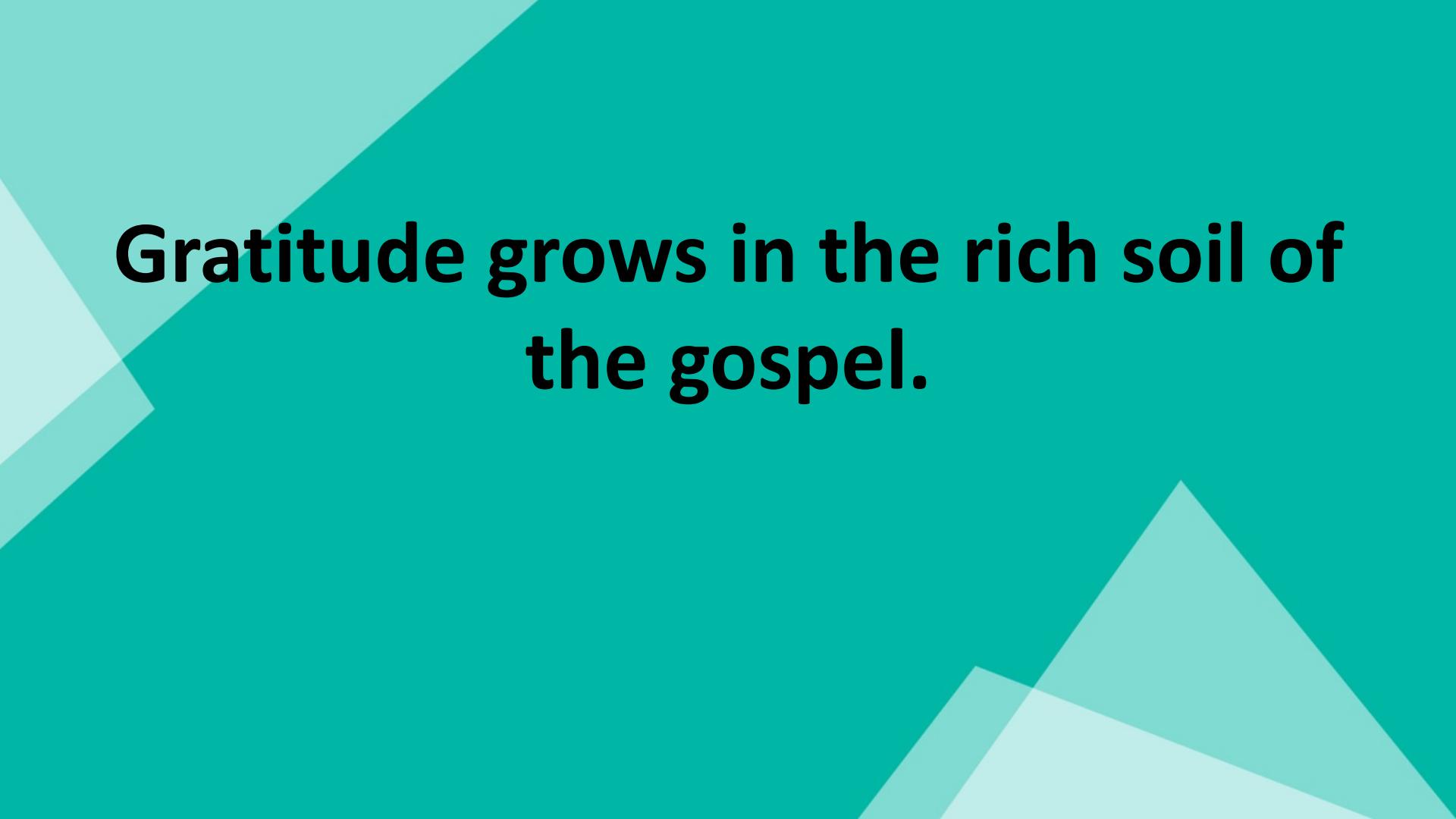


The secret to a sustained life of  
prayer is gratitude.

# **Gratitude is the backbone of prayer.**

**“We are never as thankful as we should be. When good things come to us, we do everything possible to tell ourselves we accomplished that or at least deserve it. We take the credit. And when our lives simply are going along pretty smoothly, without a lot of difficulties, we don’t live in quiet, amazed, thankful consciousness of it. In the end, we not only rob God of the glory**

**due him, but the assumption that we are keeping our lives going robs us of the joy and relief that constant gratitude to an all-powerful God brings.” -Tim Keller**



**Gratitude grows in the rich soil of  
the gospel.**

# Thanking God ...

“For the ways he gives and sustains our physical life...

For the ways he gives and sustains our spiritual life...

For the particular mercies bestowed on us.”

-Tim Keller







# 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 (ESV)

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

# **Acts 18:6b (ESV)**

**“Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”**

# 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 (ESV)

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus,<sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless

# **1 Corinthians 1:4-9 (ESV)**

**⁸in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

# Growing in Gratitude

- Reflect often on *how* you and your fellow church members became Christians.
- Prioritize people.
- Rejoice in the spiritual progress of others.
- Kill envy.

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