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The 8 T's of Grateful Living

POWERPOINT SLIDES INSTRUCTIONS

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These slides are simply a helpful guide to get you started on the *8 T's of Grateful Living* theme. You can add, delete or edit them to suit your personal message.

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Why should we encourage Grateful Living? (Delete this slide before presenting! 😊)

This series of Grateful Living messages falls under the category of what we often call 'stewardship'—managing the things that God gives us—but for many listeners these messages will open up a whole new way of living abundantly (John 10:10).

You see, it's simple, yet profound. **God is love, and because he loves he gives** (see John 3:16). God calls us to be faithful stewards of His love by loving Him and *giving* His love to others. We do this by sharing *all* that we have and are.

The very heart and foundation of stewardship isn't money, it's love.

At its very essence, **Faithful Stewardship = Loving God and people with *all* we have and are.** We are to love God and people with everything, with our 8 T's—Time, Talents Testimony, Temple, Treasure, Territory, Tribe and God's Truth.

In the book *Counsels on Stewardship* by Ellen G. White, the word 'love' is used 36 times in just the first 18 pages! Love is the foundation of stewardship.

When we understand God's love we live gratefully. **Grateful Living is about whole-of-life giving.** It's about passing on the things that our loving Provider God gives to us. God gives, so that we can give. "And God is able to make *all* grace abound to you, so that in *all* things at *all* times having *all* that you need you will abound in *every* good work." (2 *Corinthians 9:8*)

The gospel calls for a whole new way of living, grateful living, and it places love at the centre—not money, investments, security, prestige or comfort. When we love like God loves, "when we love the world as He has loved it, then for us His mission is accomplished. We are fitted for heaven; for we have heaven in our hearts." (*Ellen G. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 641*)

So is this *8 Pillars of Grateful Living* really a stewardship series? Yes, because **grateful living leads to cheerful giving**, not only more faithful tithes and generous, systematic offerings, but *whole-of-life* giving, and that's what God invites us to experience.

Welcome! to a whole new level of Christ-centred abundant living.

Grateful Living Topic: TESTIMONY

Message Overview (Delete this slide before presenting! 😊)

Key Scriptures: Acts 4:20; Revelation 12:11; Luke 8:38-39

Key EGW Writings: *'Our Greatest Need'*, Gospel Workers, p. 273-274

Further Reading: *'Winsome Witnesses'* Sabbath School lesson at https://absg.adventist.org/pdf.php?file=2020:3Q:SE:PDFs:EAQ320_02.pdf

Goal: Faithfully sharing what God has done, and is doing, in my life.

Interview Idea: Is there a person in your church or wider community who can briefly (3-5 minutes) share a portion of their testimony to encourage and inspire the church family?

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Grateful Living Overview & Introduction - Low Res
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Music: Anna Beaden & Kemy Ugendi

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Testimony

JESUS IS LORD OF THE MULTIPLYING HARVEST



A disciple is someone who in every way is becoming more like Jesus Christ.

How did Jesus faithfully manage His TESTIMONY?



Testimony **The Great Controversy**



God's Blueprint

- By sharing your testimony, you strengthen the faith of yourself and others.
- Your simple, Christ-centred testimony can overcome Satan and his temptations.
- Every person can testify to something God has done or is doing in their life.
- We should share our testimony at every opportunity.

Satan's Counterfeit

- No-one is interested in your testimony.
- If you try and share your testimony at work or school, people will avoid you.
- Your testimony isn't powerful enough to share so don't bother.
- God hasn't really done anything in your life, it's all just coincidence.
- Go out and live on the wild-side so that you'll have a cool testimony!



“We cannot stop telling about
everything we have seen and
heard.”

Acts 4:20 (NKJV)



“No sooner does one come to Christ than there is born in his heart a desire to make known to others what a precious friend he has found in Jesus; the saving and sanctifying truth cannot be shut up in his heart.”

Ellen G. White, Steps to Christ, 78



Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and **tell what great things God has done for you.**" And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

Luke 8:38-39 (NKJV)



“As witnesses for Christ, we are to tell what we know, what we ourselves have seen and heard and felt. If we have been following Jesus step by step, we shall have something right to the point to tell concerning the way in which He has led us. We can tell how we have tested His promise, and found the promise true. We can bear witness to what we have known of the grace of Christ. This is the witness for which our Lord calls, and for want of which the world is perishing.”

Ellen G. White, The Desire of Ages, 340



And they overcame him [Satan]
by the blood of the Lamb and by
the word of their **testimony**.

Revelation 12:11 (NKJV)



“A living Christian will cultivate gratitude of heart. He will seriously, earnestly recount the blessings of his life and the precious results of all his afflictions. He will recall every occasion upon which the hand of Christ has lifted up a standard for him against the enemy. The great love of Jesus, the infinite sacrifice made for man's redemption, will be an unfailing theme for grateful, humble praise.”

*Ellen G. White, Review & Herald,
May 30, 1882, par. 8*



For He established a **testimony** in
Jacob, ... That they should make
them known to their children.

Psalm 78:5 (NKJV)



You will be brought before
governors and kings for My
sake, as a **testimony** to them
and to the Gentiles.

Matthew 10:18 (NKJV)



And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the **testimony** of God.

1 Corinthians 2:1 (NKJV)



“The presentation of Christ in the family, by the fireside, and in small gatherings in private houses is more successful in securing souls to Jesus than are sermons delivered in the open air to the moving throng, or even in halls or churches.”

*Ellen G. White, Review & Herald,
December 8, 1885*



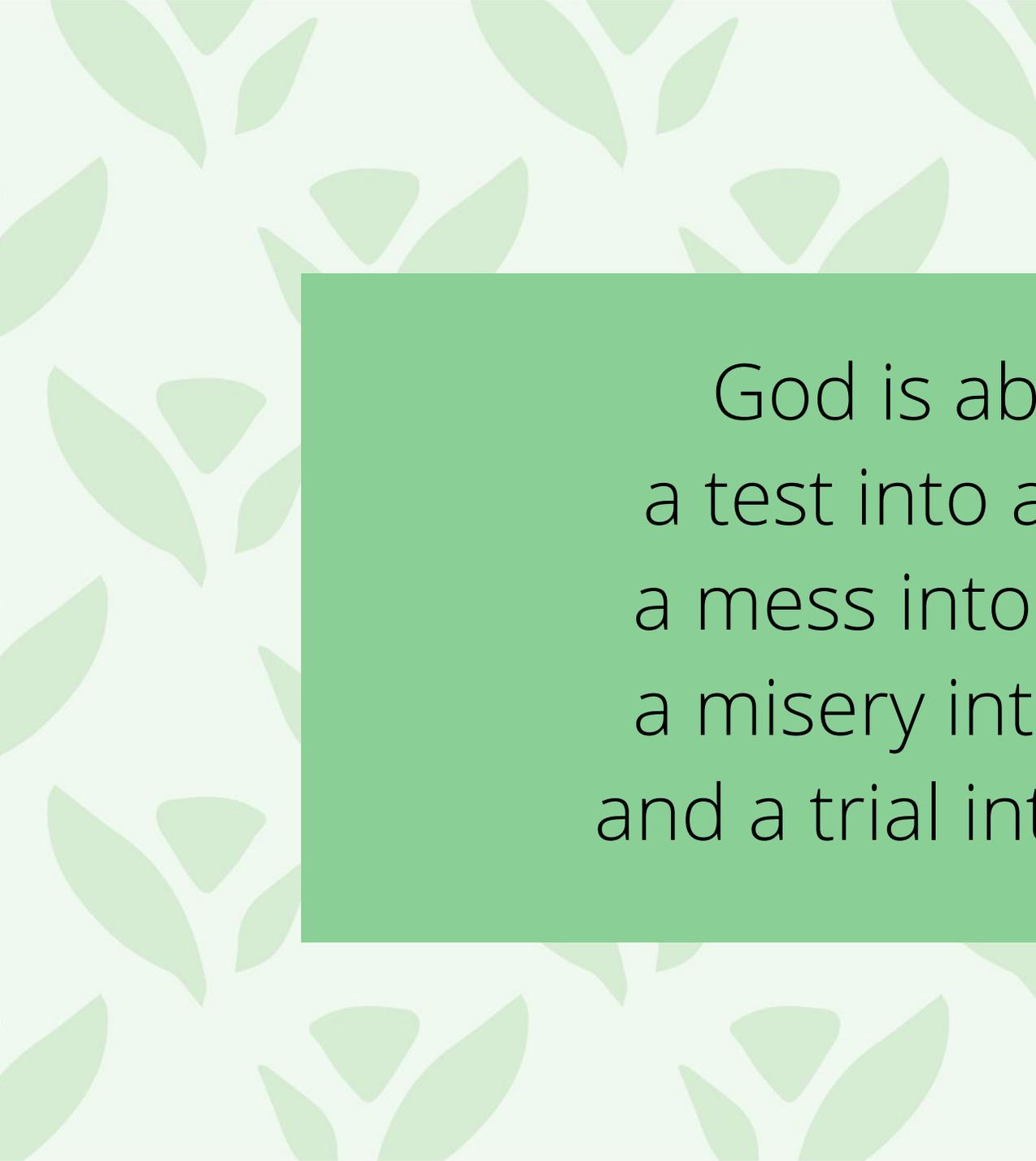
And this is **the testimony:**
that God has given us
eternal life, and this life is in
His Son.

1 John 5:11 (NKJV)



“The Saviour knew that no argument, however logical, would melt hard hearts or break through the crust of worldliness and selfishness. He knew that His disciples must receive the heavenly endowment; that the gospel would be effective only as it was proclaimed by hearts made warm and lips made eloquent by a living knowledge of Him who is the way, the truth, and the life.”

Ellen G. White, Acts of the Apostles, 31



God is able to turn
a test into a testimony,
a mess into a message,
a misery into a ministry
and a trial into a triumph!



Keep the fire of your testimony burning so that your children and neighbours and colleagues can warm their hands and hearts on the fire of your faith.

Our testimony must be
SPOKEN *and* LIVED,
one without the other
has little impact.



If you've been
saved,
notify your face!

Q. How to be faithful with my Testimony?

A. A faithful steward does what their Master would do if He were present.

See *Counsels on Stewardship*,
p. 113



Grateful living
leads to cheerful
giving.



Testimony