Lesson #6

The Pathway of Creativity: (PowerPoint notes)

- Matt. 7:7-8: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." (NIV)
- **How can I be creative, you might ask?**
- How can I be creative and not competitive in my thinking?
- Every pathway of life has a "first step" which must be taken in order to head in the right direction.
- How can you end up in a desired place if you are not heading in the right direction, which is in relation to your destination?
- **Creativity is just an expression**
- of the scenery along the pathway to the Kingdom of God; to the One who is the Creator of all things.
- If you are to be a creative being with God, you must walk down a pathway that is harmonious with the very nature of God.
- **As you are "living" toward God,**
- you must ask God for the things you would like to create with Him.
- This is very necessary. Jesus says this, "Ask and it will be given to you."
- Asking God is like striking a note on a piano.
- It is the beginning of a harmonious sound between you and Him.
- **This is the beginning of spiritual dialogue**
- with the Father, which will then allow you to find the will of God for the next note.
- I believe "asking God" is the first note in this three-note harmony chord.
- So, how can you find the next note in this three part harmony?
- **Let's move further into the scriptures.**
- 1 Thess. 5:18: In <u>everything give thanks</u>: for this is the <u>will of God</u> in Christ Jesus concerning you. (KJV)
- This is incredible information. From this scripture, you can see that the sound which produces the second note in the chord comes from a heart that is thankful in all things.
- It is in this sound of thankfulness that the will of God can be found.
- **There is no other place in which you can find this.**
- You can also see that the sound of this second note is found within your own heart and soul.
- A thankful heart produces an attitude within you that is creative in nature.
- It is this mental attitude of thankfulness that draws you closer to the Creator Himself.

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- **Being “in-touch”**
- with the very nature of God will bring you very close to His blessings of creativeness.
- You can live your life nearly perfect in every way, but not receive more blessings from God because of the lack of “thankfulness”.
- Have you ever given a gift and the recipient not been “thankful” for your free gift?
- **How do you feel about giving another gift to this person?**
- Probably not very eager, don’t you think?
- So it is with God and His blessings.
- Many of God’s blessings are a result of your “thankfulness” and His creativity with you.
- Remember, “thankfulness” is a spiritual note that is in harmony with the “notes” of heaven.
- **The more “thankful” your mind is,**
- the more established you are with the very heart of God; therefore, gaining the “will of God” which is always creative.
- The very nature of God is to create, so this is always part of “His will”.
- The closer you live to the source of all creativity, the more creativity you will receive and experience.
- **Also remember this “thankful” note**
- has a spiritual energy that will penetrate the very realities that are all around you.
- It is “power” that will change the world.
- Thankfulness will keep your heart out of competitive thinking.
- Thankfulness will keep your heart looking toward heaven and out of the selfish thinking which only brings hopelessness and destruction to the heart and soul.
- **Sometimes your realities**
- will try and knock the thankfulness out of you.
- You can’t let this happen, for it will cause a sour note to come into your life and destroy the harmony which has been gained through much focus and pain.
- Don’t let your thankfulness be destroyed, for this is not the will of God.
- **On the contrary,**
- let a harmonic sound of praise and thankfulness reach its destination, which is the very heart of God.
- Just as a magnet draws metal, so does your thankfulness draw creative ideas from the Kingdom of God.
- This drawing effect must become a constant “power” which draws creative substance to appear in your realities.

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- **Jesus knew how to capture the ear of God through being thankful.**
- John 11:41-42: Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me."
- Jesus knew that His thankfulness was the attitude which kept Him in harmony with the Kingdom for which He longed.
- **If you allow yourself**
- to think upon the sour notes of life, the sour notes will begin to be heard in the spiritual music that surrounds your life.
- You are either producing this music of the spirit or hearing it being played by another.
- It is your choice.
- You must never dwell upon the bad sounds, for they are also creative unto your future.
- **A thankful heart will look for goodness and greatness.**
- It will look for this in others and will not dwell on their faults and failures.
- It will be a trained mind that is looking for the best in people and things, which will bring more of the best into your life.
- **You then discover**
- that it is from this heart of "thankfulness" that more "faith" is born.
- Your expectations of good things are the experiences of "more faith".
- Now that you are training your mind to look for goodness and greatness, it opens your spiritual eyes to see what is not seen.
- **Your spiritual eyes**
- are now opened to see the will of God for you and for the world.
- It is through this "faith" that all things that "are not", "can be".
- Hebrews 11:1: Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. (NIV)
- **PS: I almost forgot.**
- The third note in this harmonious chord will find you, for it will be coming from God.
- Your thankful heart will draw it unto you.

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