

Giving Thanks to God

Luke 17:15-16-And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. (KJV)

Believers praying to the Lord have the personal responsibility to thank the Lord. Everything good in life originates and exists because of the love of the Lord. Believers are capable of doing good through the action of God's benevolence. The Lord can never be sufficiently thanked for all the good believers experience. Grateful believers regularly stop and take time to thank God for all good received.

Ephesians 5:20- Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; (KJV)

Serious believers see God at work in daily life and are eager to express thanks. Every breath, every heartbeat and every motion of the body depend on God. Life itself originates with God and is totally dependent on the Lord for existence. Personal health and well-being are fully dependent on the action of the Lord God. Joy in life increases when God's goodness is recognized and fully appreciated.

Colossians 3:17- And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. (KJV)

God's goodness extends to all persons and all persons are capable of giving thanks. Suffering can be a blessing and worthy of showing gratitude to the Lord God. A perceptive believer will see God's goodness present in moments of suffering. Hunger in the soul when nourished leads to showing full gratitude to the Lord. Love for God is demonstrated by taking time throughout the day to thank God.

I Timothy 2:1- I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; (KJV)

Giving thanks to God is a purely voluntary action demonstrating love for the Lord. God's love is beyond measure and believers do well by constantly giving thanks. Believers receive from God the capability to discern goodness and give thanks. Grateful thoughts in the heart, mind and soul derive from perceiving God at work. Believers testify to the presence of God at work in life when showing gratitude.

Hebrews 13:15- By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. (KJV)

Being grateful to God has a place in everyday of life for all the days of life. The Divine services of the Church enable believers to be unified in giving thanks. Believers unite in giving thanks to God in the celebration of the Divine services. Strength comes to believers when giving thanks to God in the Divine services. God's fullness is revealed in the Divine services as believers lovingly give thanks.

Holy Apostles Olympas, Erastus, Herodion and Sosipater. Holy Martyr Orestes.
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