

November 24 | Sunday

Oh, What a Beautiful Morning...Write a Thank You Card

Read [Matthew 5:12](#)



25 | Mon – A gratitude list | Read [Matthew 5:11-12](#)

This time of year we focus on being thankful. One thing that would *not* be on most people's thank-you list is what Jesus speaks about in verse 11. It seems a very odd thing to be thankful for so why would he bring it our attention? Do you consider yourself to be blessed when you are being mocked for doing what is right? Now, look at the next verse where Jesus points to the future when the Almighty will honor your faithfulness in front of the whole world. Does this help strengthen your resolve to stay committed to God's ways, no matter what?

26 | Tue – Thankfulness in difficult times | Read [Habbakuk 3:17-19](#)

Habbakuk wrote this affirmation after agonizing over the captivity of his people. The Jews had lost so much and had suffered such grief, it was difficult to have an accurate perspective. After he honestly acknowledged the current situation, Habbakuk focuses the one thing he would *not* lose, that would never change, the one place where he could still find joy, *and* what he was the most grateful for (v. 18). How could you apply these words in your life right now?

27 | Wed – Essential to a healthy mind | Read [Luke 17:11-18](#) / [Romans 1:21](#)

We pray for an answer, a resolution, healing or financial relief but what happens when that prayer is finally answered? Too often we are like the men in this story, forgetting to go back to thank the one who provided the miracle. Paul's words to the Romans list one result of being habitually ungrateful...a darkened mind with an unhealthy perspective. What can you do to cultivate a thankful attitude toward the Lord and toward those around you?

28 | Thu – What's the diff? | Read [Psalm 100:4-5](#)

Appreciation builds any relationship. You come closer to God through praise and thanksgiving. Psalm 100 shows that **thanking** God for all the things he has *done* opens the door to worship and **praising** God for who he *is* will take you into his presence where you can enjoy knowing him better. To see examples of both, read through Ps. 145:8-9, 13b-20 and underline all the words that describe what God is like. Then highlight any verbs that describe the actions God takes. Does this give you a better understanding of the Person you worship?

29 | Fri – The things you do, the things you say | Read [Colossians 3:17](#)

You can send a thank you card when someone gives you a gift. You can't mail one to God but what are some tangible things you can do to express your gratefulness to God? Besides telling him in prayer, you can show it in holy communion-1 Cor. 10:19, sing songs-Psalms 69:30, give God credit for your blessings when talking to other people-Ps. 145:10-12, or share generously and let that person know it is a result of how God has blessed you-2 Cor. 9:11-13. Are there any other tangible ways can you think of to show your thanks to God?

30 | Sat – In everything?! | Read [1 Thessalonians 5:18](#)

One day of the year to be thankful is inadequate. It is not even enough to thank God when times are good. It is His desire that you give thanks in *every* situation. Don't misunderstand these words. You are *not* being asked to give thanks **for** every circumstance; only that you will choose to give thanks **in** the middle of it. Doing so expresses your faith in God's ability to work out his plan in any given situation. Will you make that choice?