

Blessing God and Praising God

Dear Daily Devotional Reader,

It's only polite and respectful that we show our appreciation and our gratitude to God by thanking Him. Not only should we thank God for the things that we're aware of that He's done for us, but also for all the things that He has done for us that we're unaware of.

For example, we should thank Him for all the times He has protected us or a loved one from harm. Everything that we have and everything that we are is because of God. Showing the Lord that we're always thankful for what He's done for us, and for what He's doing for us, is one way that we show God we love Him.

In Luke, chapter 17, when Jesus healed the 10 lepers, only one returned to give Him thanks; and this was the one leper who was made whole. It's amazing that an individual can be healed of leprosy and not take the time to thank God that they got healed! Taking time to always thank God every day, and blessing Him by bowing our knees before Him and lifting our hands, is what makes us whole. For, a person is not really complete until they have taken the time to thank God for all that He did for them that day. Thanking God and praising God brings everything into perspective in our lives.

Our top priority in life should be to please God and praise God and thank God. It's something that no one else can do for us; only we, ourselves can. The Syrophenician lady in Matthew 15:21 had a demon-possessed daughter, and by her worshiping the Lord, the power of God set her daughter free. The lady didn't even have a covenant with God; and yet God granted her request, all because she was determined to receive from Him, and she wasn't afraid to worship Him.

Never let a day start that you don't bow your knees before God and worship Him and thank Him. Never go to bed at night without bowing your knees and thanking God. Thank Him for saving you and your family; thank Him for sending Jesus; and thank Him for forgiving you of all your sins; thank Him that He's your Great Physician and Provider. When you get ready to eat, thank Him. When you get in your car, thank Him that He gave you transportation. Thank Him for your modern conveniences. Everything that you appreciate-when it comes to you, thank the Lord that you have it. Let God know that you appreciate Him and that you know it came from Him.

When I was a sinner, I was carpeting a house and no one was home. When my job was almost done and I was getting ready to leave, I was checking to make sure everything was finished. I had all my tools packed up. Then, the front door

suddenly opened up and the man who owned the house had come home from work.

When he came in, he dropped to his knees and lifted up his hands and out loud, he started thanking God for this new carpet. Come to find out, he and his wife had prayed for carpet and, unbeknownst to him, someone bought him a house full of carpet and paid me to put it in while he was at work!

I remember that incident as though it happened yesterday. Before I left his house, he laid his hands on me and prayed that God would save me and that I would not go to hell and that I would serve God. **And God did.** The man unashamedly, without even thinking, automatically dropped to his knees and began to thank God for what the Lord had done for him.

We all need to thank God more than we do; never let a day go by that we fail to worship and praise the Lord bowing on our knees, and lifting our hands and our voices and to God.

Please read these scriptures, and mark them in your Bible, along with others like them. Take the time out every day to praise God for all your blessings.

Bless the Lord

Psalm 103: 1-4: Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;

Ephesians 1:3: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

1 Peter 1:3: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Thank the Lord

1 Corinthians 15:57,58: But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

2 Corinthians 2:14: Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place.

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.

1 Timothy 4:4,5: For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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