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Thank You, God

“Thank You, God.” Three brief words that can express a heart full of gratitude, or can be rote and empty. They can flow in a constant stream, or in seasonal torrents or trickles.

The Bible shows us, instructs us to have continual, full-hearted thankfulness to God. Psalm 107 opens, “Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His mercy is everlasting.” King David opened his song in Psalm 138 with “I will give You [God] thanks with all my heart.”

There are times and things for which we might not think of giving thanks to God, even think we should not, cannot give Him thanks. Corrie ten Boom recounted that when she and her sister were in a concentration camp their barracks was infested with fleas. One day her sister suggested they should give thanks to God for the fleas. Corrie did not agree! But her sister reminded her that the Bible tells us, “In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Corrie and her sister were leading secret, forbidden Bible studies in their barracks to share the gospel. Because of the fleas, the guards did not enter their barracks. The fleas provided an opportunity to reach out to others for Christ. So, give thanks to God!

Some things may seem to be too small, insignificant, or *normal* to say “Thank You, God.” In our place of comparable affluence we may not always truly ask God for, depend on Him for, and thank Him for our daily bread. But we also might not think of saying “Thank You, God” for some *big* things. Remember the ten lepers Jesus healed. That was a big deal! But only one stopped, returned to Jesus and thanked Him.

Our thanks is to flow from our heart, from the center of our being, with all of our being. King David opened Psalm 9 with “I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonders. I will rejoice and be jubilant in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.” He repeats that theme in the opening of Psalms 9 and 111.

Question: What makes the difference between a deeply meaningful and rather meaningless expression of thankfulness to God? As we review the many times “with all my heart” and “all your



heart” occur in the Bible, we see these phrases are about seeking, thanking, praising, loving, obeying and serving God. In other words, being thankful is far from just a feeling, whether impulsive, passing, or thought out and lasting. It is related to action.

The act of true thankfulness springs from observation and reflection. How many times do we fail to thank God because we have not looked for, taken note of, reflected on His truth and his blessings of grace and mercy to us? You see, even if it is a spontaneous “Thank You, God” for a beautiful sunset, finding a good parking spot, or someone giving you an encouraging smile or word on a tough day, it can be with all your heart, with all your being.

Let’s think for a moment about thanking God for the people we know. In Ephesians chapter 1 the apostle Paul wrote about those believers,

“For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints, do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers.”

We see this in his other letters as well.

We should be giving thanks to God for others, especially for other brothers and sisters in Christ. Most of you are aware that God called Klaus home this last Sunday. All of us who have known him can and should be thankful to God for him, his faith and life. His sincere interest and encouragement is something I recall from the first time I met him over six years ago and on through his last days, which became difficult for him.

Yes, let’s continually thank God at all times.

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