

THANKSGIVING REASONS

Psalm 100; Ephesians 5:20; 2 Corinthians 9:15

Introduction: The Funniest Home Videos had a video sent to them a few years ago which showed a little four year old girl praying at the dinner table. She had her little hands clasped under her chin, eyes closed and she began to pray. She prayed for everybody at the table, name by name, she prayed for all the food on the table, item by item, she prayed for every person she knew, she prayed for every thing she knew and for everything she had. She thanked God for a long time. You may have seen it.

There is a truth that comes out at Thanksgiving and that is that not everyone can be thankful for the same things. Some can't be thankful for family matters and some can't be thankful for material things and so on.

I. CONSIDER FAMILY MATTERS TO BE THANKFUL ABOUT

1. Your present family. Can you be thankful for your family or not?
2. Your own childhood. Can you be thankful for how you grew up or not?
3. Your own health. Can you be thankful for your health or not?
4. Your friends. Can you be thankful for your friends or not?
5. Perhaps as you think about your family and personal life, you just might find reasons to be thankful that you had forgotten about or perhaps have discovered that you never thought about before.

II. CONSIDER MATERIAL THINGS TO BE THANKFUL ABOUT

1. Do you have a place to live? Can you be thankful for where you live or not?
2. Do you have enough food to eat? Can you be thankful for having enough to eat or not?
3. Do you have a job? Can you be thankful for having a job or not?
4. Do you have a car, or other means of transportation? Can you be thankful for having a car or not?
5. Have you ever considered being thankful for these things or have you perhaps taken them for granted?
6. There is something that only certain people can be thankful for that others can't and that is being a CHRISTIAN.

III. CONSIDER SPIRITUAL MATTERS TO BE THANKFUL FOR

1. There is God who cares and loves His Children - Christians.
2. There is Jesus, the One who made the way for one to become a Christian.

3. There is eternal life that has been given to God's Children, Christians.
4. There is a mansion, a home awaiting every Christian.
5. There is a new body awaiting every Christian when he/she is called into eternity to be with God.
6. There is the permanent presence of the Holy Spirit living within each Christian.
7. There is the Church Family, fellow believers in God's Son, Jesus, who are brothers and sisters.

CONCLUSION:

1. Sad, but true, not everyone has a family life to be thankful for and some don't have any friends.
2. Sad, but true, not everyone has any material things to be thankful for.
3. Sad, but true, not everyone has Spiritual matters to be thankful for, ONLY Christians have those.
4. So, for what can you be thankful today?
- Family - Friends - Things ?
5. What about the most important? SPIRITUAL THINGS?