



Lines From Larry

Giving Thanks

King David appointed Asaph and his associates to give praise to the Lord in 1 Chronicles 16:7. In verse 34 of their song it says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Paul tells us in Philippians 4:6, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Throughout history we read where God's people were to give thanks to God and we read where they did give thanks.

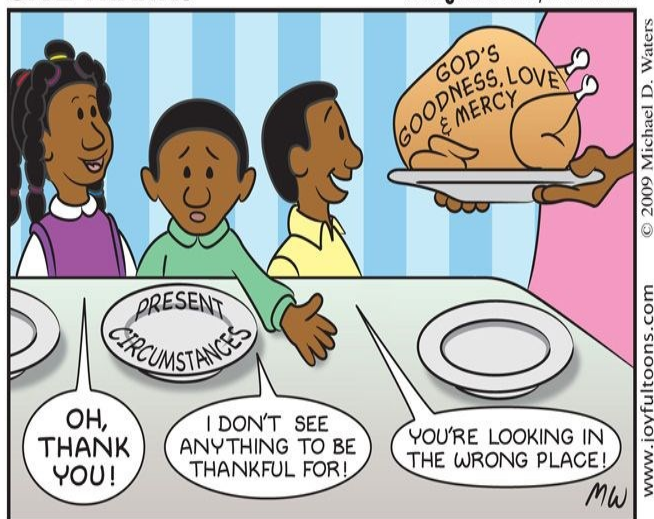
The New Testament translates the word as thanksgiving, thankfulness, thank(s), and gratitude. I like the passage in Revelation 7:12 where the great multitude in white robes fall down on their faces and worship God and say, "Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" Can you imagine when the saints, the Christians, those who have chosen to be Christ followers from every nation come together to worship God and proclaim these words?

The opposite of giving thanks is to complain. In Numbers 12, Miriam and Aaron complained against Moses and Miriam got leprosy. Moses interceded to God asked that the leprosy be taken away and after seven days she was cured. Paul challenges the Philippians in 2:14, "do everything without grumbling or arguing..." It seems easier to gripe and complain and be negative than to find ways to agree and compliment and to be positive.

During the month of November, find something to be thankful for every day. You might even want to write down one thing you are thankful for each day and then take time to read those on Thanksgiving Day. Give thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon you during the last year. Give thanks for your family. Give thanks for your friends. Just spend time Giving Thanks.

GIVE THANKS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
— PSALM 106:1 NIV



Those serving in November

	5	12	19	26
Children's Church	Brenda & Judy	Joni & Peggy	Brenda & Judy	None
Communion Med & Prayer	Marc	Andy	Jancye	Larry
Com. To Shut-ins	Nate	Andy	Rodney	None
Communion Prep	Jancye	Jancye	Jancye	Jancye
Front Door Greeter	Randy	Barb F.	Rodney	Judy H.
Greeters	Vickie S. & Judy H.	Rodney & Brenda	Sue & Ron L.	Sue & Jimmy
Musician	Cheryl	Marcia	Cheryl	Cheryl
Nursery	Heaven	Heather	Hillary	Angie
Offering Prayer	Roger K.	Rodney	Larry	Marc
Opening Prayer	Blaine	Mark T.	Andy	Rodney
Screen	Rodney	Marcus	Mark T.	Marcus
Scripture Reading	Barb K.	Heaven	Randy	Andy
Sound	Mark T.	Nate	Andy	Nate
Vocals	Joni, Jancye & Hannah	Hannah, Shawna & Tina	Joni, Jancye & Tina	Shawna, Hannah & Jancye

Announcements

November 1: Soup, Sandwich & Games luncheon at 11 AM.

November 3-4: Bond Camp Jr. High retreat. See flyer on bulletin board for details.

November 4: Men's Breakfast at 8 AM.
Daylight savings ends, turn your clocks back.

November 5: Birthday Sunday
Collecting for St. Joseph's Food Pantry.
FOCUS meeting follow church.
No Sunday school.

November 7-9: Lifetouch here for pictures.

November 12: Holiday Meal following Sunday school

November 19: Penny Sunday

November 26: Community Thanksgiving service at First Baptist Church at 6:00 with a meal after the service.

Birthdays

11/1 Cheryl England	11/15 Doris Myers
11/4 Joan Hortenstine	Sadie Simon
Carol England	Gretta Simon
11/5 Jacklyn Troxell	Melody Otto
11/6 Gail Davis	11/21 Jimmy Thomas
Mike Rhodes	11/22 Dennis Young
Monica Stokes	Leroy Jones
Taylen Wesselman	11/23 Phyllis Schultz
11/8 Summer Sampson	11/24 Diane Finely
11/10 Heaven Harris	11/25 Mary Etta Frazier
Heather Hinton	11/26 Kay Jones
11/12 Zack Eddy	11/30 Isaac Sheldon
11/13 Ron Stevens	Tanya Sapp
11/15 Shirley Eddy	





Clear Vision

by James Robison

Recently, I had two surgeries to remove cataracts from my eyes. Both went miraculously well and the result is amazing. Things I thought were dull beige are now bright white. Even my depth perception has improved, as if I went from a two-dimensional world to vibrant 3D.

I am praying that the Lord will give me better spiritual vision, just as the doctors enabled this new physical vision. The Bible tells us, "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18, KJV). All around us today, people perish for a lack of vision – vision of the truth in all of the issues we face.

This was true in the disciples' time as well. Paul expressed his concerns to the Church in Corinth by writing, "I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ" (2 Corinthians 11:3, NASB).

We need to return to that simple, pure devotion to Jesus Christ. Isaiah described the Israelites as "a rebellious people, who walk in the way which is not good, following their own thoughts" (Isaiah 65:2, NASB). It's not good to follow our own thoughts; we need wisdom from God. But here's an important revelation: All your thoughts are not your own. They are suggestions from the realm of deception and darkness, leading to defeat and the destruction of everything precious.

What we *can't* see controls what we *can* see. The invisible realm has power over the visible. We are not wrestling and fighting against "flesh and blood," as Paul stated, "but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12, NASB). We are in a battle in the spiritual realm. That's the very real realm that affects everything.

We know that unbelievers cannot fully comprehend God's truth. Their vision is hindered by "the god of this world [who] has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (2 Corinthians 4:3-4, NASB). But we, as believers, can take on the powers of darkness by putting on the armor of light. We do battle in the spiritual realm and win when we trust the only One who has conquered the power of the enemy.

I believe we can have miraculous vision in the spiritual realm. I'm praying the light of God's glory and truth flows so freely through His people that the light is overwhelming. We can be like a city set on a hill that cannot be hidden, exposing the error and evil of our day and illuminating the way to safety and security.

Pray that God will show us the way to His truth so we can live controlled by the Holy Spirit, bearing the fruit of the Spirit. We can reveal the characteristics of Jesus through our words and deeds. Not only do I pray for my spiritual vision to improve as miraculously as my physical vision, but I pray that for you. May God give us clear vision and enable us to open the eyes of the blind.

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10/1 \$6371.00	10/1 88
Birthday Sunday \$6.00	10/8 92
St. Joseph's \$182.00	10/15 117
10/8 \$1862.00	10/22 79
10/15 \$1807.00	
Penny Sunday \$119.82	
10/22 \$2085.00	

Ramsey Christian Church

Fellowship Time: 8:30 AM

Worship Service: 9:00 AM

Sunday School & Adult Electives: 10:30-11:00 AM

Tuesday: Ladies Bible Study: 8:30 AM

Wednesday: J.A.M. 5:45 to 7 PM

