

WHAT ARE WE THANKFUL FOR?

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The last Thursday in November our country celebrates Thanksgiving Day. It's a time when we gather with family, eat turkey and sit around the TV for football in the afternoon. We celebrate a national holiday when most Americans have the day off from work. Do we "give thanks" just once a year? What should we be thankful for?

"Therefore I will give thanks to you, O Lord, ... "{2 Samuel 22:50}Do you ever stop your busy day to just tell your Father-thank you for the life that you live, the measure of health that you enjoy, the job that allows you to provide a living for your family and just living on this wonderful place called earth. Do we forget that all of this comes down from God's bountiful hand because of His great love for us? "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. "{James 1:17}

What about our family? The wife or husband that you have been blessed with and the children that God has graciously blessed us with. Do we ever thank God for their love, their health, and the happiness they bring into our lives? In this busy life do we often forget about the people who we should love and cherish on this earth? How much time do we spend together? Do we ever tell one another the deep love we have for them?

What about our brethren in the Lord's church? Do you ever thank God for your family here at Harrodsburg? The love we share, the heartaches and disappointments we have had together. "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. " {Romans 12:15,16}

Can any Christian ever give God too much thanks? My hope and prayer is that when you gather with loved ones around the table take time to be thankful- that family is together, for the love you enjoy, and the fact that you are part of the greatest family in this world – the Lord's family! ***