

"But though He had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on Him." John 12:37no2 KJV



Instead of asking, "What has God ever done for me?" Ask, "What have I ever done for God?" Before you start counting laurels, remember, The Sovereign of Eternity left eternal Glory to assume humanity and die a horrible death to pay the penalty for your sin! His Word sustains stellar orbits, retains the atmosphere, and holds the earth's explosive core at bay while you continue living! We get so caught up in what we lack, need, or desire that we forget to thank God for the provision already in place: Oxygen in just the right quantity; carbon dioxide breathing plants that provide food and recycle our breath; fresh water from a salty sea; sun that gives light, warmth, and life to the fragile planet upon which we depend. We've subconsciously swallowed Satan's lie that it all just evolved. Men with arrogant pride foolishly deny the God who could annihilate them with a thought! Unthankfulness is the brand of the wicked! *"For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, NEITHER WERE THANKFUL; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools."* For what have you thanked God lately? *"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name. In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."* We've no idea how many calamities God has stayed from our lives; accidents missed sitting impatiently at a red light; parking spots that just happened to be close; things that could have gone wrong, but didn't; things that just happened to be "on sale" right when you needed them; a sale prepared weeks in advance by procurement of merchandise at the right price; discounted to necessitate price reduction right when your need arose. You might say, "But others also received the bounty." The rain falls on all, but your need could be the reason it was sent. *"In EVERYTHING give thanks."* Why is it so hard for us *"in all [our] ways to acknowledge Him?"* Thankfulness is birthmark of the faithful!

So many blessings we ignore,
While turning still to ask for more,
Not thinking of what's gone before,
Rejecting all God has in store! ~CGP

How many of God's miracles in your life have you completely ignored, missed, or considered your just due while greedily clamoring for more or whining of your lack? When is the last time you remember being truly thankful to God for what you already have? For the many meals you never missed while others starve? When did you last think you had quite enough and could perhaps share a with another less fortunate?

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content." 1 Timothy 6:6-8 KJV