

Thank God

Matthew 11:25-At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. (KJV)

The Lord Jesus Christ is the primary source for learning from and about children. Christ's attention to children in the Holy Scriptures merits the gratitude of adults. Seekers of wisdom cherish and learn from the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. Attentive believers find lasting lessons for life and life eternal in the Lord Jesus. Jesus Christ is grateful for revelations to children and Jesus is due our gratitude. Being ever-grateful to the Lord is a continuing expectation for serious believers.

Mark 8:6-And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people. (KJV)

Blessed nourishment from Jesus Christ comes to believers in different forms. Believers have their minds, hearts and souls nourished by Jesus Christ's teachings. The Precious Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ enriches believers' souls. Jesus Christ took time to give thanks when nourishment was to be partaken. Each generation of believers has the responsibility to show gratitude to the Lord. Gratitude can never be sufficiently expressed to the Lord for Divine nourishment.

Luke 17:16-And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. (KJV)

Each moment is an opportunity to humbly and sincerely give thanks to the Lord. The Lord's love revealed in healing of soul and body is cause for giving thanks. Take time daily to be grateful for opportunities in Jesus to have peace of mind. When Jesus brings peace to the mind, heart and soul abundant gratitude is due. The attentive heart, mind and soul reflect gratitude for healing by the Lord Jesus. Gratitude exists deep within the heart, mind and soul of the appreciative believer.

John 11:41-Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. (KJV)

The Lord Jesus Christ teaches by direct example the importance of being grateful. God's goodness, mercy, love and nourishment are too often taken for granted. Too often individuals draw from the Lord God's goodness without being thankful. Prayers answered by the Lord God deserve resultant expressions of appreciation. The joy generated by God in answering prayers is best acknowledged by gratitude. Responsible Christians thank the Lord God for unending love as often as possible.

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