

## Be Thankful

Example...someone fixes your favourite toy that broke...when you thank them...you will usually also be giving them praise. (How did you do that so well..you are clever). If you tell others about what happened then this leads to more praise (They fixed my toy, they are clever).

Colossians 3:15,17 ..be ye thankful...in whatsoever you do, give thanks to God.

God wants us to praise and glorify Him...being thankful is a great way of doing this.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God (what God wants) in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Ten lepers story – Luke 17:11-19

Ten lepers..only one returned.

-the others probably couldn't wait to tell their family members but went back to Jesus to say thank you.

-glorified God with a loud voice (others would hear)

-fell down on his face at his feet

-gave thanks

-he had faith in Jesus Christ v.19

Romans 1:18,21,22,25 Wrath of God....unthankful...worshipped creature more than the Creator.

Revelation 4:8,9 The beautiful heavenly creatures in heaven gave glory, honour and thanks to the Lord.

Let's see what some people in the Bible thanked God for.

David - the benefits God gives us Psalm 68:19

Psalmist – God's righteous judgments Psalm 119:62

Daniel – wisdom and might Daniel 2:23

Paul – victory 1 Corinthians 15:57

- God's unspeakable (indescribable) gift 2 Corinthians 9:15

- The Lord's enabling 1 Timothy 1:12

David - Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, **among the heathen**, and I will sing praises unto thy name. He is the **tower of salvation** for his king: and **sheweth mercy** to his anointed, unto David, and to his seed for evermore. (2Samuel 22:50,51)

Like David, let us make sure we give thanks to God in front of those that do not know God so that they can see how great our God is.

What are some things that we can thank God for?

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. (Psalm 100:4)