

**STEWARDSHIP**  
**“In Thanksgiving”**  
 {11th in series}

*Training our hearts to be thankful does many good things. It gives credit where credit is due. It keeps us from bitterness, arrogance and discouragement. It protects us from letting our lives be defined by what we don't have. It keeps us humble and reminds us of our need for God.*  
 Guidepost



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One way we show God our appreciation is by singing His praises. God gave us music primarily so we could offer thanks and praise in a form other than the spoken word. Unfortunately, it's far too easy to sing the words of a hymn while our thoughts are somewhere else. When we come together to worship, we should be singing to almighty God with full attention. No believer should be able to stand in Mass and sing, “Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,” with a blank expression. We're singing to God. How can we act uninterested to the One who died for us and gave us eternal life?



You might be thinking, *But I can't even sing.* Yes, you can. When you lift your voice to God, you need never worry about anyone's opinion of your musical abilities. You're not performing when you worship the Lord with song. You're expressing gratitude and adoration to your heavenly Father. He's pleased by your praise, and His is the only opinion that counts. Remember, it's God who told us to sing praises to His name.

***Our Father never gets tired of blessing us—  
 or hearing our praise.  
 Let your thanks to Him overflow!***

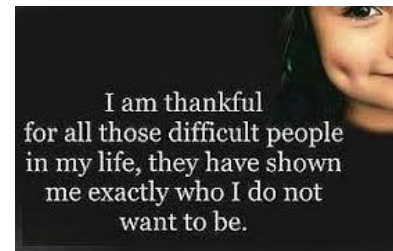


***As Christians, we're called beyond simple thanks for the good things God has sent our way. We're also to give thanks for what He has done for us... and for who He is.***



Life is full of give and take, Give Thanks and take Nothing for granted.  
 Author unknown

I want to say thank you to all the people who walked into my life and made it outstanding, and all the people who walked out of my life and made it fantastic. Author unknown



“Gratitude paints little smiley faces on everything it touches.” Richelle E. Goodrich

God has two dwellings; one in heaven, and the other in a meek and thankful heart. Izaak Walton



Many of our prayers were not answered, and for this we are now grateful. William Feather

When you are grateful - when you can see what you have - you unlock blessings to flow in your life. Suze Orman

Talent is God-given; be humble. Fame is man-given; be thankful. Conceit is self-given; be careful. Harvey Mackay

Joy is the simplest form of gratitude. Karl Barth

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