

THANKSGIVING

A remarkable thing about the apostle Paul was his high regard for his brethren. Paul said to the Romans, "*First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you. . .*" (Romans 1:8). To the Corinthians he said, "*I thank my God always on your behalf. . .*" (1 Corinthians 1:4). To the church at Philippi he wrote, "*I thank my God upon every remembrance of you. . .*" (Philippians 1:3). He told the church at Colosse, "*We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you*" (Colossians 1:3). To the Thessalonians he said, "*We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers. . .*" (1 Thessalonians 1:2).

We need to thank God for our brethren. It is so easy for us to overlook those blessings that touch our lives most frequently. Just like we take the sun, the rain, clothing, shelter, food, and even our families for granted; there is a grave danger we will overlook just how important our brethren are to us. Our prayers should be filled with thanksgiving for our brethren.

We need to let our brethren know we are thankful for them. This is exactly what Paul did in almost every letter he wrote. Why not take time today to write a note of thanks to those in this congregation who are so important to you? Why not take time today to pick up the phone and call other Christians and let them know that you were just counting your blessings and wanted to let them know how much you appreciate them? It will change their lives. . .and yours!

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