

THE INVISIBLE THINGS

As we enter into another season of Thanksgiving, we no doubt will enjoy many gatherings that are uplifting. Much of the thanksgiving verbalized over the next week will be given for the tangible things that can be seen and felt. If your cook is particularly skilled, you may even give thanks for what you can taste.

2 Corinthians 4:18

as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

But don't forget in the midst of the festivities to...taste and see that the Lord is good (Ps 34:8). Interestingly, this brings to light a different dynamic. The Lord's goodness is not as tangible as a family, a house, or a piece of pumpkin pie. Paul, in his second letter to the Corinthians, discussed the need to remain focused during a difficult time and brought to light that there are things eternal and unseen that have far greater value and encouragement than the things that are seen. Sadly, Paul explains to Roman Christians that those invisible attributes could be known, but many chose not to acknowledge God or give thanks. Without thanksgiving for the invisible things, their hearts became off course and darkened.

Romans 1:20–21

²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

We never want to get to that place! Am I right? The solution is to intentionally take time to perceive the invisible things of God and give thanks. We know that when we do, he will bestow fruitfulness and bright hearts.

SOME of the invisible things to be thankful for this season.

The Lord's Patience (2 Peter 3:9), His Mercy ([Ephesians 2:4-5](#)), His Steadfast love (Lamentations 3:22-23), His Wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:18-31, and His Sovereignty (Colossians 1:15-20).

Moreover, we can be thankful for the glorious fruit he produces in our lives by the power of his spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

Give Thanks!

Eyes up,

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