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Why Giving Thanks Is Good part 2

This is **part 2** from my recent message on, ***"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD"*** (Psalm 92:1) in which I asked, ***"What is it that makes giving thanks a good thing?"***

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord because in doing so we are a witness for Him to those around us. Our text goes on to say, ***"To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night."*** A thankful Christian is a **credible witness** of God's lovingkindness and faithfulness in this dark, depressing, and ungrateful world! Jesus said we ***"are the light of the world"*** (Matthew 5:14). Our thankfulness to God testifies of His awesome goodness! Daniel ***"gave thanks before his God"*** and it resulted in a **powerful witness** to the whole world of the **reality of God** as we read in Daniel 6:25-27, ***"Then king Darius wrote unto all people ... in all the earth ... I make a decree, That ... men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever ... He delivereth and rescueth ... who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions."***

Giving thanks to God is a good thing in that it keeps us from becoming greedy with what He has given us! Considering all God has done for us, we joyfully give back to Him of our time and money. Thanksgiving is composed of **"thanks"** and **"giving!"** The Bible states, ***"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give ... for God loveth a cheerful giver"*** (2 Cor. 9:7). A woman brought to her minister some money and said, "In former years I paid about this amount in medicine. This year there has been no sickness in our family. **I want to show my gratitude to the Lord in this way.**" Later she again came explaining that many of her neighbors had suffered losses in a wind-storm, but that her farm had been spared. She said, "I bring this donation as **an offering of thanks.**" **That's gratitude!**

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