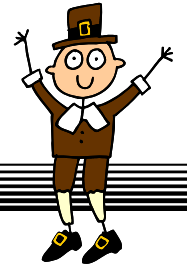


Date: November 26, 2006
Text: 2 Chronicles 6:12-42
Topic: Thanksgiving. Stewardship.
Series: none
CD #: 06-37

Focal Point Radio Ministries
Dr. Mike Fabarez

Privilege & Responsibility

What to Do When God Gives You Something Good



1. Recognize the *Privilege* and _____ (vv.12-18)



2. Recognize the *Responsibility* and _____ (vv.19-42)



(vv.19-20) **1.**

(v.21) **2.**

(vv.22-23) **3.**

(vv.24-31) **4.**

(v.27b) **5.**

(vv.32-33) **6.**

(vv.34-35) **7.**

(vv.36-39) **8.**

(vv.40-41) **9.**

(v.42) **10.**

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **James 1:16-17**. In light of the truth of v.17, what is the "deceptive" thought pattern we often fall into that is referred to in v.16? Why is this such a bad problem to have?
2. What are some of the good things God has given you in the past twelve months?
3. What can you put in place in your life that will prompt you to regularly express your gratitude to God for his kindness toward you?
4. How does a deepening understanding of "grace" (i.e., God's undeserved kindness) change the quality of your thanksgiving?
5. What problems arise when we are thankful to God for the good things he gives us, but then we proceed with an "I'll-take-it-from-here" attitude?
6. What are some of the hopeful, dedicatory prayer requests you have regarding the good things God has entrusted to you this year?

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

November 26th

Dan. 9-10 & 1Pt. 2

November 27th

Dan. 11-12 & 1Pt. 3

November 28th

Hos. 1-2 & 1Pt. 4-5

November 29th

Hos. 3-4 & 2Pt. 1

November 30th

Hos. 5-6 & 2Pt. 2

December 1st

Hos. 7-8 & 2Pt. 3

December 2nd

Hos. 9-10 & 1Jn. 1

December 3rd

Hos. 11-12 & 1Jn. 2

Today's sermon will be recorded and available on CD at the Focal Point Ministry window in the lobby immediately following the conclusion of today's service. Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0625 – **Wow! God is Good** (Psalm 92:1-15)

CD # 0538 – **Anchoring Our Thanksgiving on What Matters Most** (Colossians 1:12-14)

CD # 0324 – **The Missing Ingredient: A Primer on Counting Your Blessings** (Psalm 103:1-22)

CD # 0215 – **How Grace Can Transform Your Attitude About Your Problems** (1Cor. 1:4-9)

CD # 0137 – **Energizing Your Prayer Life with Gratitude** (Colossians 4:2c)

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to www.CompassBooks.org.)

Bridges, Jerry. **I Exalt You O God: Encountering His Greatness in Your Private Worship**. Waterbrook Press, 2001.

Chapell, Bryan. **The Promises of Grace: Living in the Grip of God's Love**. Baker Books, 2001.

Lutzer, Erwin. **Your Eternal Reward: Triumph and Tears at the Judgment Seat of Christ**. Moody Press, 1998.

MacDonald, James. **Lord, Change My Attitude (Before It's Too Late)**. Moody Press, 2001.

Mackenzie, Catherine. **I Can Say to God: Thank You**. Christian Focus, 2001. *[A book for toddlers to teach thankfulness.]*

Pao, David W. **Thanksgiving: An Investigation of a Pauline Theme**. InterVarsity Press, 2003.

Rainey, Barbara. **Thanksgiving: A Time to Remember**. Crossway Books, 2003.

Spurgeon, Charles. **Power in Praising God**. Whitaker House, 1998.

Stowell, Joseph. **Eternity: Reclaiming a Passion for What Endures**. Chicago: Moody Press, 1995.

Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.

Walker, Laura. **Ferris Wheels, Daffodils, & Hot Fudge Sundaes: A Journal of Gratitude**. Baker, 2002.