



Introduction:

- After giving tractor rides at the preschool festival, most moms brought their child over to me to tell me thank you for the ride. Thankfulness is polite. It is good. It is culturally responsible. But is there a greater reason to be thankful?
- This morning I want us to understand three reasons why it is important to give thanks to God.

1. Giving Thanks Helps Me Remember God's _____.

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they...exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things (Romans 1:21,23).

**When we fail to give thanks to God
we tend to _____ His goodness to us.**

Thank you, God, for _____.

When I consciously develop a thankful heart,
I _____ remember God's goodness.

**2. Giving Thanks Shows God My _____
For His Goodness.**

When he saw that he was healed...fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks (Luke 17:15,16).

When we give thanks, we are showing the Lord that we do not take His blessings for granted.

3. Giving Thanks is How I Come Into God's _____.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name (Psalm 100:4)!

Conclusion:

Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift: _____!
(II Corinthians 9:15)