

MANAGER'S DESK FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2021

WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

YESTERDAY, I SHARED THE FIRST PART OF AN ARTICLE FOUND IN A NEWSLETTER FROM 'LOVE WORTH FINDING MINISTRIES'. IT WAS WRITTEN BY THE LATE DR. ADRIAN ROGERS AND WAS ENTITLED "GIVING THANKS ALWAYS." IT'S A COMMENTARY ON EPHESIANS 5:20 WHICH READS, "*GIVING THANKS ALWAYS FOR ALL THINGS UNTO GOD AND THE FATHER IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.*"

DR. ROGERS WRITES, "I IMAGINE THAT ALL OF US WOULD AGREE THAT THIS COMMANDMENT – TO THANK GOD AT ALL TIMES FOR ALL THINGS – IS PERHAPS THE HARDEST IN ALL OF THE BIBLE TO PRACTICE. BUT IT IS THE SECRET TO A HAPPY AND PRODUCTIVE LIFE. TO HELP US UNDERSTAND THIS VERSE, DR. ROGERS BREAKS IT DOWN INTO 3 QUESTIONS. YESTERDAY, WE LOOKED AT THE QUESTION, "WHEN SHOULD WE BE THANKFUL?" TODAY THE QUESTION IS "FOR WHAT DO WE GIVE THANKS?"

DR. ROGERS WRITES, "AND WHAT SHOULD OUR THANKS BE FOR? FOR ALL THINGS! THANK GOD FOR YOUR FAITH, FOR YOUR FRIENDS, FOR YOUR FOOD, AND FOR THE WATER YOU DRINK? YOU MAY ASK, "DO I HAVE TO THANK GOD FOR DIRTY DISHES?" WELL, A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DIRTY DISHES; THAT WOULD MEAN THEY HAD SOMETHING TO EAT. BUT ALSO, JUST BE THANKFUL FOR YOUR FORTUNE – THE THINGS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU AND DONE FOR YOU. IN CHURCH, A FAMILY HEARD OF A COUPLE GIVING A SIGNIFICANT LOVE OFFERING IN MEMORY OF THEIR SON WHO HAD DIED ON THE BATTLEFIELD. ON THE WAY HOME, THE WIFE ASKED HER HUSBAND, "WHY DOES WE GIVE AN OFFERING OF AN EQUAL AMOUNT FOR OUR SON?" HE SAID, "WHY? OUR SON WASN'T KILLED." SHE REPLIED, "DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S A GOOD REASON TO GIVE AN OFFERING?"

COMMENTS FROM THE LATE DR. ADRIAN ROGERS CONCERNING "FOR WHAT DO WE GIVE THANKS?" THAT ADDS TO WHAT HE SAID YESTERDAY REGARDING 'WHEN TO GIVE THANKS'; WHICH IS ALWAYS.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE IN I THESSALONIANS 1:2, "We **give thanks** to God **always for you** all, making mention of **you** in our prayers," I GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR THE TREMENDOUS LISTENING FAMILY HE HAS BLESSED US WITH. FOR OVER 54 YEARS THIS MINISTRY HAS BEEN SUSTAINED BY THE PRAYERS AND GIFTS OF LISTENERS LIKE YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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