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Don't Forget the Giver
Deuteronomy 8:1-20

I. Remember God's Faithfulness in the Past (vv. 1-6)

A. God _____ His people (vv. 1-3)

B. God _____ His people (v. 4)

C. God _____ His people (vv. 5-6)

II. Recognize God's Goodness in His Provision (vv. 7-10)

A. God provides _____ (vv. 7-9)

B. God satisfies _____ (v. 10a)

C. God deserves our _____ (v. 10b)

III. Beware of Forgetting God in Your Prosperity (vv. 11-20)

A. Prosperity can cause us to _____ God's Word (v. 11)

1. We stop _____ to God's Word
2. We stop _____ God's Word

B. Prosperity can cause us to _____ ourselves (vv. 12-14)

1. We begin trusting our _____ rather than God (vv. 12-13)
2. We begin _____ ourselves rather than God (v. 14)

C. Prosperity can cause us to take _____ for God's blessings (vv. 15-18)

1. We forget what _____ has done for us (vv. 15-16)
2. We exaggerate what _____ have accomplished (v. 17)
3. We fail to acknowledge _____ gave us the ability (v. 18)

D. Prosperity can cause us to _____ God with other Gods (vv. 19-20)

1. We begin _____ God's gifts more than God Himself
2. We forget that God _____ is worthy of our worship

TAKE HOME:

- Have you _____ what God has brought you _____?
- Are you taking _____ for blessings you should be giving God _____ for?
- Have God's _____ become more important to you than the _____?

Application Questions

James 1:22 says, *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* These questions are designed to help you apply today's message in your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others.

1. What hardship has taught you to depend on God rather than your own resources? (Deut. 8:2-3; Matt. 4:4)

2. How has God sustained you through a difficult season, and how can you remember His faithfulness this Thanksgiving? (Deut. 8:4; Deut. 8:15-16)

3. Is there a disappointment you could consider in light of God's loving discipline rather than only as a loss? (Deut. 8:5-6; Hebrews 12:5-11)

4. Which everyday gift have you enjoyed without stopping to thank God for it? (Deut. 8:10; James 1:17)

5. Has a comfortable season made you less attentive to God's Word or less willing to obey it? (Deut. 8:1; Deut. 8:11)

6. When you think about your achievements, are you more inclined to take credit or to acknowledge the abilities God gave you? (Deut. 8:17-18; 1 Corinthians 4:7)

7. Do your savings, work, or possessions provide a sense of security that is displacing your trust in God? (Deut. 8:12-14; Matthew 6:24)

8. What gift would be hardest for you to surrender, and what might that reveal about where you seek satisfaction? (Deut. 8:19-20; Matthew 6:24)

"It is a dangerous thing to be prosperous."

-Chales Spurgeon