

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



“O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.”

Psalm 107:1

Filled or Fulfilled

We could have everything we could possibly desire and still find at least one more thing to ask for. All the latest toys and gadgets will only hold our attention for a short period of time. As soon as we figure out how to operate it, companies are bringing out an upgraded version. Our new phones seem useless when the next edition is promoted. The family vehicle loses its new car smell when the next year’s model hits the showroom floor. The Bible says, in Proverbs 27:20, **“...so the eyes of man are never satisfied.”**

If we are not careful, we will spend more time thinking of the things we do not have instead of being grateful for everything we do have. If we took the time to give God thanks for all He has done; the list would be endless. Both great and small, God gives us blessings each and every day. Every morning that we see a new sunrise, there is reason for thanks. Brand new mercies are on each horizon. Both seen and unseen, we receive miracles, daily, from the Lord.

When we come before the Lord, we are to **“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name” (Psalm 100:4)**. The Bible says, in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, **“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”** Through the good and the bad we are to be thankful. Through triumph and tragedy, we are to give thanks.

May we make time every day to give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good and His mercy endures forever. (Psalm 106:1)

Family Prayer: *Dear Lord, help me keep a grateful spirit and a thankful heart at all times. Thank you for an abundance of grace and mercy You have shown in my life. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*

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What if today you only had what you were thankful for yesterday? You'll need a mason jar (or any empty jar) and cut up pieces of paper large enough to write on. Have each family member list at least 5 things they are thankful for. (Smaller children may need assistance.) Each day, at dinner time, pass the jar around and have each person pull a slip of paper and read it out loud. For the weekend, plan a family picnic in your own yard, park, etc...and discuss how the Jar of Thanks made a difference this week.

Let's talk

It is so easy to take everyday things for granted. Take time to have an in depth discussion on blessings that your family enjoys that many others in your city, country or other nations might not be enjoying. If you are sitting in your own home surrounded by loved ones that would be a great place to start. Don't forget "simple" conveniences like running water, heat in the winter, or even toothpaste and toilet tissue. Sometimes we need to be reminded of just how "rich" we are!

Take the time this week to pass out or mail out a few 'Thank You' cards to those who have made a difference in your life. These could be Pastors and their families, Sunday School teachers, mentors, friends, parents, etc...



Additional Challenges

In Luke 17, there were 10 lepers healed, but only 1 was made whole. Let's take a look at what made the difference in their lives.

As Jesus journeyed to Jerusalem, what cities did He pass through?

Why were the lepers standing "afar off"?

And they _____ up their voices, and said, Jesus, _____, have _____ on us.

What instructions did Jesus give to the lepers?

And _____ of them, when he saw that he was _____, turned _____, and with a loud voice _____ God,

And _____ down on his _____ at his _____, giving him _____:
and he was a Samaritan.

What did Jesus ask the one leper that gave thanks?

There are not _____ that _____ to give _____ to God, save this _____.

And he said unto him, _____, go thy way: thy _____ hath made thee _____.

The difference between receiving a healing and being made whole was a matter of thankfulness.

Be thankful! It makes a big difference!

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Psalm 100:4