



Keeping thankfulness in Thanksgiving

(We are resending this Dispatch with the links corrected. Please excuse us for the error. We pray these links to Thanksgiving Projects and Devotionals will be a blessing to you and your family.)

It seems funny to say this, but often we are so busy during Thanksgiving that we forget to be thankful. I am sending out today some helpful links which contain projects and suggestions to aid you in a Christ-centered, truly thankful Thanksgiving.

All of these projects are from our website, which offers hundreds of Bible studies, devotional and Scripture memory resources at no cost. You can follow this link

to take a look at these varied resources - [GCI Resources](#). As for Thanksgiving - we found all of these resources to be a great blessing in helping our family, especially our children, maintain a focus on Christ and all the Lord has done for us during the Thanksgiving Holidays.

1. The first is the Thanksgiving Booklet - Eleanor came up with this idea and it became a favorite for both our children and the children's Sunday School class she taught. Just click on [Thanksgiving Booklet](#)
2. Another challenge for parents is to make meal time a time for spiritual growth and thankfulness. Mealtimes are very important for the spiritual nourishment of the Christian family and we worked hard to protect and emphasize a sit-down dinner for your children. Just follow this link for a creative way to build thankfulness into your mealtimes during the Thanksgiving holidays. [Thankfulness At Meal Time](#)
3. One very real way a child can learn to be thankful during Thanksgiving is to share from their abundance with the needy. Here is a project that greatly blessed our children as well as those who are less fortunate - just click here [Sharing From Our Abundance](#)
4. Many of our family and friends have shared their family traditions when it comes to keeping thankfulness in thanksgiving. To see a few of these very creative ideas just [Click Here](#)
5. For parents, Thanksgiving should not be a yearly celebration but a part of our daily devotionals. I am including an abridged link to the Thanksgiving section of my Prayer Notebook and would encourage you to allow it to guide you in the daily exercise of thanksgiving to God - [Click Here](#)
6. This link will take you to a series of Daily Devotionals on the theme of Thanksgiving. Once you have started your family down the path of

including Christ and spiritual growth in your meal time, this is a great way to keep it going - just click [Thanksgiving Devotionals](#)

7. **Write a personal letter or note.** Over twenty years ago, the Lord laid it on my heart at Thanksgiving to write a personal note of thanks to some of those who had impacted my Christian life in a special way. I have continued this practice and expanded it to teachers and others who took an interest in me. I am so happy I did this as, from that Thanksgiving to this, many have gone to be with the Lord. I am thankful to the Lord that He brought them to mind and I was able to express to them my gratitude.
8. **Remember your missionaries with a special gift.** If you want to bless your missionaries at Christmas, now is the time to do this. Many organizations credit gifts given one month on the next month's paycheck. That means gifts given to the organization in November will be received by the missionary in their December check. If you wait to give that special Christmas "bonus" gift in December, it will not reach them in time to help them with their family Christmas. They will get it in January of the next year. Be sure and include in your Thanksgiving traditions the practice of sending an extra gift to the missionaries you support.

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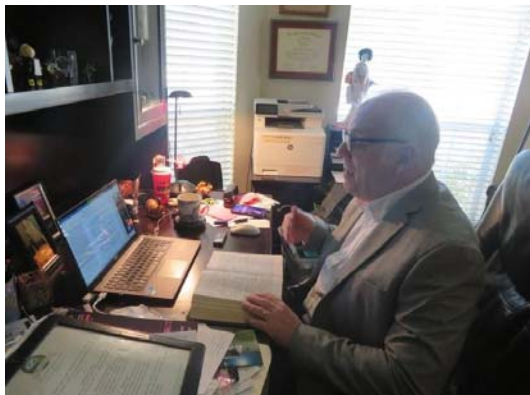
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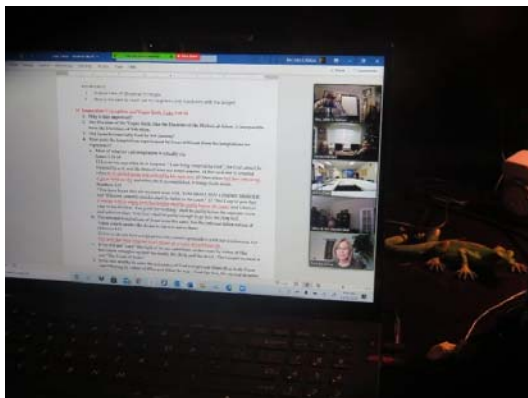
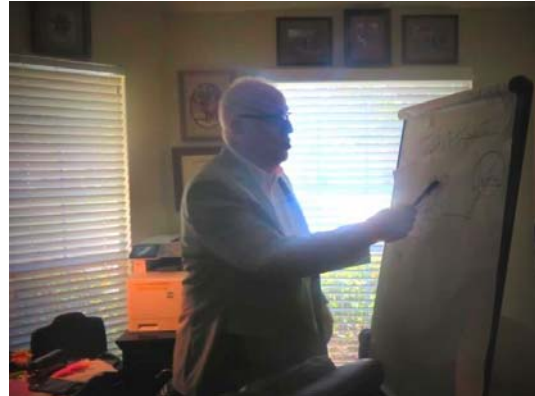


For the bold teaching of God's Word

"All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness;" (2 Timothy 3:16)

For courage in sharing the Gospel

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also the Greek." (Romans 1:16)



For hearts to hunger for the truths of Scripture

"Your words were found and I ate them, and Your words became a joy to me and the delight of my heart; for I have been called by Your name, Lord God of armies." (Jeremiah 15:16)



For God to continue to provide for GCI so that we might bless others

"Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure - pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return." (Luke 6:38)

A Word of Thanks

I wanted to close this message with a word of thanks to you, our faithful prayer and financial partners..

During the months of November and December, we contact our donors and prayer warriors concerning our support, as we prepare for the ministry year 2022. We wanted to highlight for you our giving option via PayPal. Simply click on the donate tab below, and you will be able to contribute to the ministry of GCI electronically. Alternatively, you can still send a check to the address at the bottom of this dispatch. And, as always, you can keep current with our ministry by following us on [Facebook](#) (@gciweb) as well as listening to sermons from our trips on our Sermonaudio webpage [here](#).

May the Lord in compassion and truth continue to watch over each one of us (Psalm 40:11)!

Thanking God for you,

Rev. John S. Mahon

2 Corinthians 4:1

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