

Thanks & Living

Week 4 Devotion by Josie Siler

“Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me. I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer. Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!” ~Psalm 66:16-20

What has God done for you? How has He worked on your behalf? There are gifts He’s given to all of us: Jesus, salvation, strength, peace, a reason to hope, unconditional love... Then there are the special gifts He’s given just to you, ways He’s worked on your behalf, ways He’s revealed Himself to you, and ways He’s blessed you and helped you. Take some time today to thank God and praise Him for who He is and what He has done in your life. Try writing out a prayer of gratitude in a journal or list on a piece of paper things you’re thankful for, then go to God in prayer. Every single day there are things we can be thankful for, but in the hurry of life or the pain of suffering, we can miss those good things. If we’re intentional about cultivating a heart of gratitude, the joy of the Lord will be easier to find. We can’t count our blessings without joy filling our hearts, the two go hand in hand! Do you want to take it one step further? Tell someone else what you’re thankful for. Invite them to come and hear what God has done for you.

Prayer:

Lord God, may praise for You be quick on my tongue. May praise and gratitude escape my lips as an overflow from my heart. God, if I am cherishing any sin in my heart, please reveal it to me. I repent of the sin in my life and turn from it. Thank You for Your love and forgiveness. Thank You that my identity is no longer that of a sinner, but that of a saint. Thank You that I am Your child, an heir with Jesus Christ, fully united with Him. I praise You for the gifts You have given me, the lessons You’ve taught me, and the love You’ve showered upon me. Thank You that You have not rejected my prayer or withheld Your love from me. I love You, God, with all my heart, and soul, and strength, and mind!