

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

So, we have those two wonderful little phrases all of us should learn how to use, one is **“PLEASE”** and the other is **“THANK YOU”!!!**

These two special little phrases come to mind, because in the coming month of **NOVEMBER** we have a special day set apart which we call **“THANKSGIVING DAY”!!!**

Therefore, let's take a few moments to consider the second of these two wonderful little phrases, **“THANK YOU”!!!**

How do we say thank you? Well, we could rent a “sky writing plane” and put it high above for all to see in white letters behind a sky blue background; that would certainly be something to see. However, renting a “sky writing plane” might be deemed a wee bit impractical especially when we consider how often we may need to say thank you.

How do we say thank you? Well, the basics are by simply speaking from the heart and saying the words **“THANK YOU”** to one another whenever the need arises. However, there are some more dramatic ways as well that do not rise to the level of a “sky writing plane”. For example: some of the many ways we may take to say **“THANK YOU”** to one another can include, sending a card and note, giving a little gift or gift certificate, or possibly doing something for the person we want to thank.

Indeed, there are a variety of ways we can say **“THANK YOU”** to one another, the important thing is that we take the time to do so when we are truly of **APPRECIATIVE** of other people in our lives!!!

Now, at its' core **“THANKSGIVING DAY”** is meant to have a **“GOD-CENTERED”** focus although there is often times a feast of food, football, and family involved as well!!!

Let's take a pause to move beyond the feast of food, football, and family to **GOD!!!**

Why should we pause to say **“THANK YOU”** **GOD** each and every day and not just once a year???

Well, we could start with a big three which may include God's gifts of life, love, and **JESUS!!!**

However, equally big could be God's gifts of the Holy Scriptures, the Church, and the **HOLY SPIRIT!!!**

However, another group of big things might include God's grace, forgiveness, and nurturing relationships with us!!!

Well, we are not done yet for we may want to include a sunrise, sunset, and rainbow to the mix or a waterfall, mountain stream, and forest too!!!

Why should we pause to say **“THANK YOU”** **GOD** each and every day and not just once a year, the **LIST** of reasons why may be almost endless and indeed because of **GOD'S** ever gracious **LOVE** it is an endless **LIST!!!**

Among the ways we can say **“THANK YOU”** **GOD** is through our participation in worship, our efforts to grow in relationship with God, our commitment and dedication to serving in ministry with God, and by our prayerful words of **“THANKSGIVING”!!!**

Love in Christ,

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