

## Lessons from the Heart

### Thankfulness? – To whom?

By Pastor Chuck Compton

We have become so accustomed to thinking of Thanksgiving in terms of gratitude for material blessings and nature's bounty, especially on our table. With a little thought most of us can even realize how thankful we are for the families and friends that God has brought into our lives. Sometimes we are even able to be thankful for everything we have. We have people that

love us, homes, jobs, food, entertainment, safe communities, freedom, and the list could go on and on.

That brings me to my first concern. If we are not careful our thankfulness seems to become an opportunity to "slap ourselves on the back" for all that we have done in providing for our own lives.



Compton

When the nation of Israel was delivered out of slavery in Egypt by God they were warned not to allow this to happen. The warning is found in Deuteronomy 8, "When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the

LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery... You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth". We need to remember that thankfulness is not to ourselves, but to God who truly supplies everything good in our lives.

My second concern is that we do not forget to be thankful for God's good gifts that are not as obvious, especially those that are hidden in experiences we resist or try to avoid. Can we thank God for the opposition we have had to

meet, the resistance that has forced us to put forth our best effort, the disputes that have compelled us to reexamine our arguments and eliminate the flaws?

Can we thank God for the struggles that have caused us to grow, the defeats that have kept us humble, the losses that have made us careful, and the dangers that have kept us alert? Or for the risks we have had to take, that have brought out hidden strengths?

Let us thank God for some of the enemies we have made, for to have no enemies means that we have not taken issue with wrong, defied any evil, or rallied to the defense of the oppressed. Also, let us thank God for our critics who tell us the truth about ourselves.

Above all, let us thank God for his power to bring good out of evil; that struggles we would have preferred to avoid have turned into blessings; that confident in His love and goodness, we have found strength and courage to face whatever comes. Thanks to God we are able as the Apostle Paul says "to run the race that is set before us." We have so many reasons to be thankful to God.

Chuck Compton is pastor of Flora Presbyterian Church.

### Pray for people who were in hurricanes

One man of you puts to flight a thousand, since it is the Lord your God who fights for you, as he promised you. Josh. 23:10 Pd. Adv.

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- BURROWS PRESBYTERIAN:** SS: 9:45 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
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- FAITH LUTHERAN:** CR 800 N, west of Hwy. 29. Thomas J. McShannock & Sandy Hutchens, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:10 a.m.
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- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:** Main & Indiana Streets, Delphi. Kelly Furlong, interim pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.
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- FLORA FIRST CHRISTIAN (Disciples of Christ):** S. Center Street, Fla. Pamela Ditson-McCall, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.
- FLORA GRACE BRETHREN:** 103 S. Willow St., Fla. James Franklin, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m., Wed. Prayer Service: 7 p.m.
- FLORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:** 211 S. Center St., Fla. Charles Compton, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m.
- FLORA UNITED METHODIST:** 107 E. Main Street, Fla. Larry DeVos, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:15 a.m.
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- PYRMONT UNITED METHODIST:** Mitchell Simpson, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
- RADNOR CHURCH:** Ed Selvidge, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.
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- ROCKFIELD PRESBYTERIAN:** SW: 9:30 a.m.
- ROSSVILLE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP:** 16 Cason St., S. Corporate Prayer 9:00 a.m., S. Fellowship 9:30 a.m., SW 10:00 a.m.
- ROSSVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:** 109 N. Plank Street, Rossville. Pastor, Bob Pfeifer. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.
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By Dr. James Dobson

### Family relationships defy Scientific study

**QUESTION:** What does behavioral research tell us about the best way to raise children? Have scientific studies spelled out what works and what doesn't, especially regarding how to discipline properly?



Dr. Dobson

that children are far too familiar – too informal – with adults today. When I was a kid, we always addressed grown-ups by "Mr." or "Mrs.," or if they were in the family, we called them "uncle" or "aunt," or "Grandpa" or "Grandma."

We would never have referred to an adult as Sam or Alice. But today's parents don't teach that courtesy to their children. Some of them introduce 4-year-olds to adults by their first names. Am I the only one who is concerned about this? What can I do to counteract this trend with my own son and daughter?

**DR. DOBSON:** My answer may sound like heresy coming from a man who spent 10 years of his life as a professor of pediatrics, responsible for medical and behavioral research, but I don't believe the scientific community is capable of determining the best parenting techniques. There have been some worthwhile studies, to be sure, but the subject of discipline almost defies definitive investigation.

Why? Because the only way to study this topic scientifically would be to place newborns randomly in "permissive" vs. "disciplined" families, and then keep them under close observation for 10 or 15 years. Since it is impossible to do that, researchers have tried to tease out information where they could find it. But family relationships are so multidimensional and complicated that they almost defy rigorous scrutiny.

Indeed, most of the studies reported in the literature are scientifically useless. For example, Dr. David Larson, psychiatrist and formerly a researcher at the National Institutes of Health, reviewed 132 articles in professional journals that purported to investigate the long-term consequences of corporal punishment. He found most of them flawed in design. Ninety percent of the studies failed to distinguish between good homes where spanking was administered by loving parents, and those bordering on (or actually inflicting) child abuse. This distinction is critical for obvious reasons.

Dr. Larson concluded that the findings were invalidated by this failure to consider the overall health of family relationships. To repeat, the consequences of various approaches to parental discipline appear to be beyond the reach of social research. It is simply not possible to study this complex subject scientifically without warping families to set up the research design. Even if such studies were conducted, the researchers would be studying contrived families – not typical parent-child relationships.

**QUESTION:** It seems to me

bothered by that same observation. It's a byproduct of a cultural shift within society itself. We are less respectful of one another today in many ways. Fifty years ago, for example, men didn't curse around women and cultured women didn't curse at all. How that has changed!

Both men and women used to address each other with formal titles (Mr., Mrs., Miss, etc.) unless they had become very close friends. Now, a waitress whom you've never met approaches your table and says, "Hi, I'm Stephanie and I'm going to be serving you today."

I don't suppose today's informality is harmful, although I agree that children should be taught to speak to their elders with a certain deference. I still like to hear them respond with "Yes ma'am" and "No, sir," instead of "yeah," "yep," and "nope." When their manners are respectful, their entire demeanor is on a higher plane.

As for how you can instill these and other courtesies in your child, you simply make up your mind to do it. You might explain that there are many things your family does differently than others: For example, "We don't use bad language, we don't attend certain kinds of movies, and we don't fill in the blank.) Why? Because we've set a higher standard for ourselves. This is what makes us unique as a family. Someday you will understand that, too."

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