

# DEVOTION

LEARN TO SAY

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*Thank You!*



**“Thank You.”**

They are two of the simplest words in the English language, yet they are words so many find difficult to say. From the heart, they express our sincere appreciation for kindness shown. But often, kindness is taken for granted.

Like when the man at the cleaners offers to take your laundry to the car. Or, when the waitress returns to your table several times and refills your beverage glass. Too often, we look at gestures such as these as obligation rather than random acts of kindness. We feel that because they're done as “part of the job,” saying thank you is not necessary?

Being thankful is needful, and it is very important.

Colossians 3:15, The Message Bible, instructs us to “cultivate thankfulness.” In other words, God expects us to work on having thankful hearts all the times and in every situation. That includes being thankful whenever someone does something for you, whether large or small, and expressing your appreciation by saying “thank you.”

You can start by being thankful for your Heavenly Father and the love He has for you. Thank Him for being in your life, for answering your prayers, and for giving you the secret desires of your heart—those things you never really prayed for.

Thank Him for His faithfulness to you, when times are good and when trouble comes. Ask God to help you remember to always be thankful—no matter what. Then begin to practice having a thankful heart. Do what I Thessalonians says: “In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

Learn to say, “Thank you.”

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