

“We Should Be Thankful”

1 Thess. 5:18

Introduction

- I. We have many reasons to be thankful.
- II. Sometimes we might not realize that certain things are reasons to be thankful.
- III. Consider the following:
 - A. We should be thankful that we can be educated.
 - B. We should be thankful for difficulties.
 - C. We should be thankful to learn from mistakes.
 - D. We should be thankful when we are tired.
 - E. We should be thankful for challenges.

Discussion

- I. We should be thankful that we can be educated.
 - A. Learning is a blessing.
 - B. The Ethiopian eunuch appreciated that he could be educated (Acts 8:30-35).
 - C. We should long to learn (Prov. 25:2).
- II. We should be thankful for difficulties.
 - A. Resistance builds muscles.
 - B. “No pain, no gain”
 - C. Even temptations and tribulations help us to grow (James 1:1-3; Rom. 5:3-4).
- III. We should be thankful to learn from mistakes.
 - A. How many of us claimed that we will never do a certain thing again?
 - B. David should have learned from his mistake (1 Kings 5:5).
 1. Trying to hide sin only makes things worse (Psm. 1:1; 2 Tim. 3:13).
 2. You cannot really hide sin from God (Num. 32:23; Heb. 4:13).
 3. Sin brings consequences (Rom. 6:23; Gal. 6:7-8).
 - C. If we do not learn from our mistakes, then we are doomed to repeat them.
- IV. We should be thankful when we are tired.
 - A. This blessing comes from doing work.
 - B. Jesus even experienced this truth (Mark 6:31; Acts 10:38).
- V. We should be thankful for challenges.
 - A. We hone our skills and abilities.
 - B. Critics can cause us to study more and become grounded (1 Pet. 3:15).

Conclusion

- I. Are we thankful?
- II. Sometimes the smallest things can cause us to be thankful.
- III. We should find opportunities for thanksgiving.