

Dalton's Food Pantry

SEEDS OF GRACE



April 2017

gratitude and praise

Do you think gratefully? In other words, when you wake up each morning, what is the first thing you think of? Do you start your "to do" list and ask God to help you through this list and day? Do you think that God's not worried about your "to do" list so you pray asking him to bless your day and then you're off to the races?

What about during the day? Do you thank God for each interruption that has crossed your path? Do you thank God for the storm you're in?

What about the end of each day? Do you thank God for the messes of the day? Do you thank God for your small part in his big plan?

Do you ever thank God for being who he is and not attach a little "request" on the end of your prayer? Do you ever think about who God is and how he deserves all of your praise and all of the thankfulness that you can give him each and every day?

So let me ask you again, do you think gratefully?

- God I thank you for the dirty laundry.
- God I thank you for the messy house.
- God I thank you for fresh water.
- God I thank you for each interruption by my children today.
- God I thank you for the interruptions at work.
- God I thank you for the person before me at the grocery store that just couldn't have moved any faster.
- God I thank you for the hamburger helper meal I served tonight.
- God I thank you that although I don't have any extra money this week, that all my bills were paid.
- God I thank you for being my savior, my redeemer, my glorious king.

Just as you like to hear praise and thankfulness for those things that you do, God does too. He is waiting to hear your heart being thankful for all that he has done for you. Spend some time, starting today, to give God praise and glory and honor and don't forget to be thankful in all things.

This world needs fewer complaints and more thanksgiving!



I can't speak for you but in my daily walk with Christ, from the moment my feet hit the floor, I thank Jesus for one more day here on planet earth, excited to serve you. I deal with temptation just like all sinners do however over the years, I have learned that some people hate me cause they ain't me and I

must get low to get high with Jesus. I praise God better than ever now during the storms of life for making me a stronger Christian. Missing church is not an option. Worship, praising, serving, fasting, praying are part of my daily walk with Christ.

Life seems out of control, our lives spiraling into colorless, cold space. Doubt fills our minds. Was this where God wanted us to be? Did we wander off in the wrong direction, though we thought we chose to obey God?

Isaiah knew all about living in that out of control place. Israel had become disobedient and rebellious, constantly at odds with her maker and the Israelites objected long and loudly. As the prophet quickly discovered, ministering to those miserable people was no picnic. Amen. As small as Dalton's Food Pantry is, J.R. Dalton feels that pressure dealing with people in our ministry.

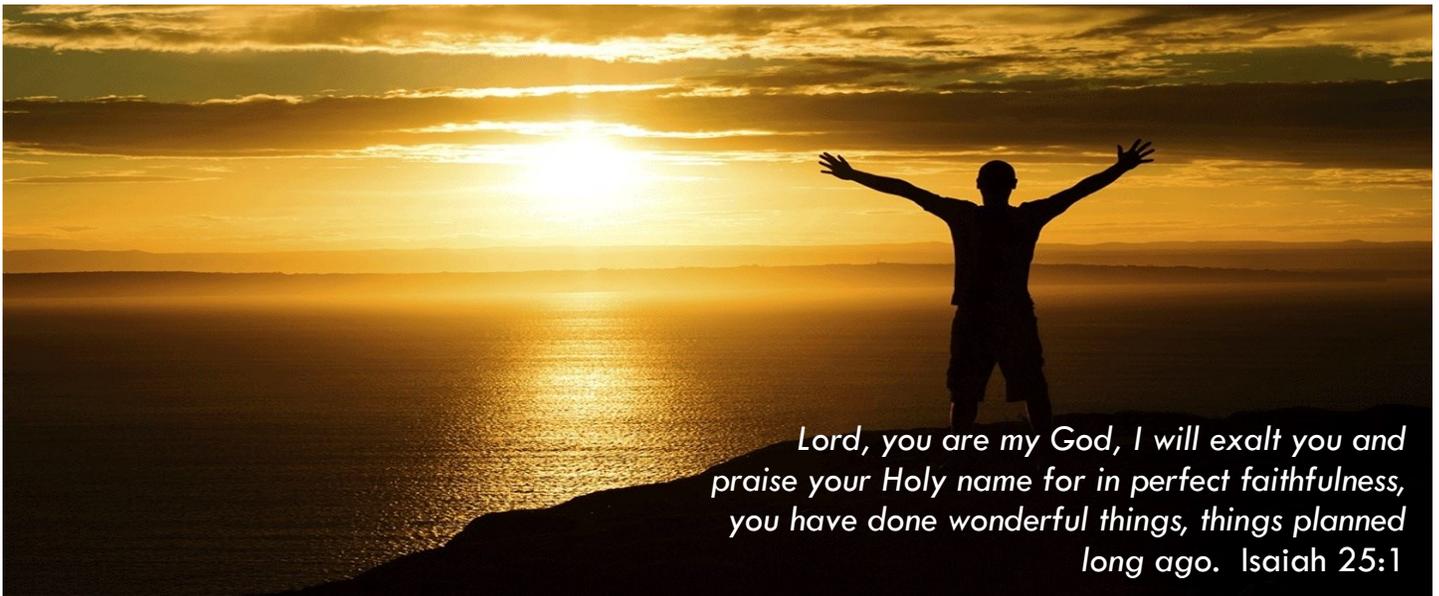
Putting up with such folks might easily have caused Isaiah to lose his moral and spiritual compass.

Doubtless, dealing with them sometimes made him feel as if he was whirling in circles too. He prophesied the earth's terrible destruction in Chapter 24.

But when the prophet felt the spinning start, he knew where to look. Instead of putting his trust in the world around him or any person, Isaiah looked to the Lord. In the next chapter, the prophet followed his dire prediction with a song of hope that promised God would not forget His people. Just as God did not overlook his prophet or the people, Isaiah served. He does not forget us either. His faithful plans order our lives too, if our lives seem to spin in circles. No matter how many dark clouds appear on the horizon, our faithful God still does wonderful things.

God Bless you,

J.R. Dalton



Lord, you are my God, I will exalt you and praise your Holy name for in perfect faithfulness, you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago. Isaiah 25:1

wish list

Over the years a lot of needs have occurred at the pantry and we have always had those needs met. God is faithful! We have a new wish list for this year and wanted to share with you to see where you might be able to help. Not everyone is able to help financially, but may be able to serve in one of the ways listed below. Whatever God puts on your heart, is the way in which you can serve Dalton's Food Pantry. All items requested should be delivered to 3326 W. 10th Street.

BIG ITEMS

New basketball goal for Amazing Grace

Reseal and stripe basketball court at Amazing Grace

Paint wood fence at Amazing Grace

Drywall, Paint/repairs and floor painted at Dalton's Food Pantry

New Front door glass and windows replaced at Dalton's Food Pantry

New freezer for Dalton's Food Pantry

SMALLER ITEMS

Cleaning supplies

- bleach
- toilet paper
- hand soap
- window cleaner
- mop
- broom
- vacuum

Praise
the
Lord

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Dalton's Food Pantry compassionately touches lives in being the hands and feet of Jesus, by providing essential necessities and pursuing souls in planting seeds of love, hope and encouragement for the assured growth which is promised in God through whom all things are possible.

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What have you done for GOD today?

thank you Ortho Indy

We would like to thank Ortho Indy for this awesome donation! All areas of Ortho Indy participated in this year's food drive for Dalton's Food Pantry. The donation was delivered in 5 separate visits, by four separate departments. We are just overwhelmed at the support each person provided through this donation.



Can **YOU** organize a food drive through your company for the benefit of Dalton's Food Pantry? Maybe your organization would like to come and serve. **What can YOU do to make a difference?**