

# Dalton's Food Pantry

# SEEDS OF GRACE

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## An anonymous letter we received from Wayne Township School

*Today, Mr. Dalton is retiring. There are so many memories we all have of him. I would like to share some of mine. I will be telling you about how Mr. Dalton has changed my life, some of his accomplishments, what his programs mean to others and what a great person he is.*

*Mr. Dalton, or J.R. as most of us know him by, has impacted many people. I am one of those people. As most of you know, J.R. is an outreach leader to troubled youth. I first met him when I was sent to do community service at a food pantry. I did not know what to expect. When I arrived there was already a line of people waiting for food. Before anyone could get any food, we had to take it off the truck and set it up. I was instructed to come to the truck and take the crates of vegetables off. J.R. threw me some gloves and said, "I hope you can handle it". Now I thought to myself, "How hard can this be"? Well about 30 minutes in I found out. It was hard, you had to move real fast and the crates were really heavy. I did not want to look like "that guy", so I did the best I could. Then we lined up the food and helped people put it into bags. So many people were there to get food. It was humbling.*

*After we were done, J.R. told everyone to come into the garage. I really just wanted to go home, but my ride was not there yet and I needed my time sheet signed off on before I left. So we all went into the garage where I soon discovered there was going to be a sermon. It started out with singing. Next thing you know most of the helpers were dancing and singing to gospel music. I did not know what was going on. Then J.R. got up to speak. He told us about the drugs, gangs, and homeless in the area. He said we needed to pray for them. He began to cry as he told a story of a little boy who was starving and abused by his father. Here J.R. is, a grown biker man, crying. I just sat there and listened. When it was over I went up to him to ask him to sign my time sheet. He did, and he asked me if I was going to come back next week. I told him I would. He then invited me to do some more of my community service at a nearby church.*

*That night I had my mom drive me back to Haughville to the nearby church that J.R. had invited me too. When I got there, there were kids everywhere. They were running around, playing. J.R. was in the middle of it, pitching a kickball to a group of them. I asked him what he wanted me to do. He said just hang out and talk to the other kids. It was a little awkward for me. I went to the basketball court and started playing ball. Before I knew it we had a big game going on. Suddenly I was having fun. After a while, J.R. called us all inside and I helped serve dinner. We had spaghetti.*

# Thanksgiving day

BY: J.R. DALTON

*I will praise the name of God with a song and will magnify Him with thanksgiving.  
Psalm 69:30*

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. It was going to Clay City, Indiana to grandma's house for turkey dinner. It's getting to see my family and laugh with them and pass the dressing and the cranberry sauce to them. It's the toddler who has changed so much since last year, and the old brothers-in-law that are starting to show their age, both making you smile.

And it's everyone sharing something you're especially thankful for and then bowing your heads together and giving thanks. We should do thanksgiving regularly. It seems just like yesterday at 5:00 pm on Sunday my family would all meet up at 1141 N. Goodlet "every" Sunday evening. Oh, Lord Jesus, how I miss those days. You see, the family grew and Satan got busy in our lives and Christ was not front and center in our lives. I pray daily for revival in the Dalton family in the name of Jesus. There is still hope and his name is Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. It was thanksgiving every Sunday night in the hood. We should do thanksgiving regularly, not the turkey dinner of course but the giving thanks.

In Bible times, whenever believers in God got together, the main thing was to give thanks. Now we have more stuff, more freedom, way more food, better health and the promises of the whole Bible and yet when we pray or go to church, it seems we are always looking to get more instead of saying "Thank you". I feel this is something we can change just by giving thanks every day.

Also thanksgiving is an attitude of the heart. It's choosing to be grateful for the good things in our lives, for family and friends for work and rest for life itself and beauty that surrounds us. It's thanking Jesus everyday for the gift of forgiveness and eternal life which were not purchased for us at a bargain price. It's deciding that because of all that, there is no room for bitterness, resentment or any of the things that live in an ungrateful heart. Thanksgiving is in the highest sense a way of life. Because of our hearts are truly thankful then we can only live for the one who has given so much. Pray for our families.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Please pass the turkey and all the blessings.

God Bless,

J.R.





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**What have you done for GOD today?**

*So what did I get out of this? J.R. taught me to serve others. He taught me to be a friend to others. He taught me to have respect for all kinds of people. That is the kind of person he is. J.R. Dalton is an intelligent, respectable man who makes a big difference in the lives of the people in his community. He puts on the food pantry for the community, he heads up the youth group for the kids at church, and he also has his own tire shop. He will do anything to help people. With his business, if someone needs a tire but can't pay right away, he will take their word for it that they will pay him on Friday. He has integrity. I look up to him.*

*So today, Mr. Dalton, we want to honor and recognize you for the selfless things you do. We all hope you enjoy retirement because you deserve it. Of course none of us would be surprised if you continued working, serving others because that is all you know how to do. Thank you.*

We don't share this letter with you to brag on Mr. Dalton or all of the things he does for the community. We share it with you so that you can see this ministry is dedicating to helping people in need, whether it is a physical need, like hunger or a spiritual need. Your time and money are planted in solid, Christian soil when you support financially or serve within the ministry. We give God the glory that this young man's life was changed.