Developing a Thankful Heart: Our Father in Heaven (1) Matthew 6:9-13

- I. Do you have a thankful heart?
 - A. "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:17)
 - B. "In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- II. Why does God say we should give thanks in all circumstances?
 - A. Whenever God gives us a command in the Bible, it is for our benefit. (Deuteronomy 5:29)
 - B. Giving thanks to God helps us to become unselfish, encouraged, and confident. (Philippians 4:5-7)
- III. What motivates us to be thankful in all circumstances?
 - A. We have the Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
 - B. God loves His children perfectly and unconditionally. (Luke 15:11-32; Matthew 3:16-17, 17:5; John 17:23)

IV. Conclusion

What matters are not so much the events or circumstances of life, but our responses to them.

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培养一个感恩的心: 我们在天上的父 (1) (马太福音 6:9-13)

- I. 你有一颗感恩的心吗?
 - A. "凡你们所作的,无论是言语或行为,都要奉主耶稣的名,借着他感谢父神." (歌罗西书 3:17)
 - B. "凡事谢恩;这就是 神在基督耶稣里给你们的旨意."(帖撒罗尼迦前书 5:18)
- Ⅱ. 神为什么说我们应当在所有情况之下都要感恩?
 - A. 每当神在圣经中给我们一个吩咐, 这都是为了我们的好处. (申命记 5:29)
 - B. 对神感恩可以帮助我们不自私,得到鼓励,以及增强信心. (腓利比书 4:5-7)
- Ⅲ. 什么可以鼓动我们在所有情况之下都感恩?
 - A. 我们有神的话语.(提摩太後书 3:16-17)
 - B. 神对他的儿女之爱是完美而且是无条件的. (路加福音 15:11-32; 马太福音 3:16-17, 17:5; 约翰福音 17:23)

IV. 结语

要紧的倒不是人生中发生的事件或情况, 而是我们对它们的反应.