

My Thoughts for Sunday, October 20, 2013

Thanks to a Hovering Waitress and a Hovering God

Have you ever gone to a new restaurant and been overly impressed with the diligence of your waitress? You know the one I am talking about; that waitress who always seems to be hovering at your table, yet you don't see her there. The one that always seems to know that you need something or are ready for the next course, without being asked. That waitress you shall not soon forget; the one, when it's time to pay your check, you make sure she gets an extra generous tip.

Shouldn't we also be impressed in that fashion as we realize the generous God who is hovering over us to give us all the things we need, most often, before we even ask for them? Think of the many blessings He has showered on us that we never asked for and often do not think to show our appreciation for.

Did you hear God's words in the scripture lessons and the sermon today? Did you think to thank him for that blessed ability, or just take it for granted, because you have always had your hearing? Many people do not have this ability.

Did you enjoy the sunrise this morning? Did you see the many colors in the landscape...the sky... your friends' attire? Just imagine if God had created everything in monochrome, or even if you were color blind, or like so many of your unknown neighbors throughout the world totally blind. Did you close your eyes and hands in a prayer of thanks for this great blessing?

Consider the multitude of other blessings and Gifts we never had to ask for; could you smell the meal that waitress delivered to your table? Did you have the pleasure of walking to church this morning, or maybe the luxury of driving in your own car? Do you have employment and are you able to work at something productive? Remember the thousands that don't have a job and couldn't perform at one if it were offered.

I am sure, if we actually sat down and counted the numerous other blessings we each have been graciously given by our Triune God, those blessings we never had to ask for yet received, that we might run out of paper before we could list them all.

Do we thank our gracious and generous God, as we did that hovering waitress, with a generous gift of thanks? Did we also remember that whatever "tip" we offer to Him, He has already graciously given to us? (1 Chronicles 29:14-15) Remember this as we plan our gift giving to the Lord and His Church throughout the world. Remember, this too is another of His many unasked for gifts of love; the salvation and forgiveness of our many sins, through the sacrifice of our loving Lord Jesus.

Don't forget to give Him an extra generous "tip" the very next opportunity you have—and every opportunity. Remember, if He didn't give it to us first we could not give it to Him.

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