

Pastor's Corner

Have You Thanked Him Recently?

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Dear Friend,

Daniel was an older man, having lived a long time. Some people think that he was in his eighties. He was taken as a slave, his family was killed, and he was hauled off to be a captive in a foreign land. At the beginning of his political career it hadn't always been easy. In fact, there were good times; but there had also been bad times. And when several of the people whom he worked with decided to get his job, they went to the king and got him to make a decree that no one could pray or request anything from any other deity except the king for thirty days. The punishment was death by wild animals.

“Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before” (Daniel 6). Wow, here he is under severe pressure to stop praying, and he's giving thanks! He's not asking for help or courage or to keep the bad guys away. He's giving thanks! Ever wonder what he was thanking God for? It's easy for us to look at his life and see all the things that didn't happen right or that were bad, but not Daniel. He's looking at the things he can thank God for.



What are you thankful for today? I came across this picture today, and it reminded me that I haven't thanked God for my shoes in a while. When was the last time you stopped and thanked Him for some of the things you usually take for granted? Why don't you take some time, just you and God, and bring Him your thanks. It makes Him feel good, and it'll make you feel better as well.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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