

Prime The Pump

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Hebrews 13:15-16

Physiological studies tell us that thankfulness is the least felt emotion in our society. But as God's people we of all people should have an attitude of gratitude and be quick to voice sincere thankfulness. In difficult circumstances giving thanks is definitely not automatic or easy but when we choose to do it anyway it is a sacrifice in which *God is well pleased*. Until I was twelve years old, our home on a Kansas farm did not have indoor plumbing. To have drinking water we had to prime a pump near the house with some of the water that was still in "the drinking bucket". If I didn't "give up" some of the water that was already in the bucket the pump would not bring up any fresh water. In a sense our supply required a *sacrifice*. Here's the point: If we will learn to "prime the pump" with praise and thanksgiving refreshing will come for every situation. *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* | Thessalonians 5:16-18