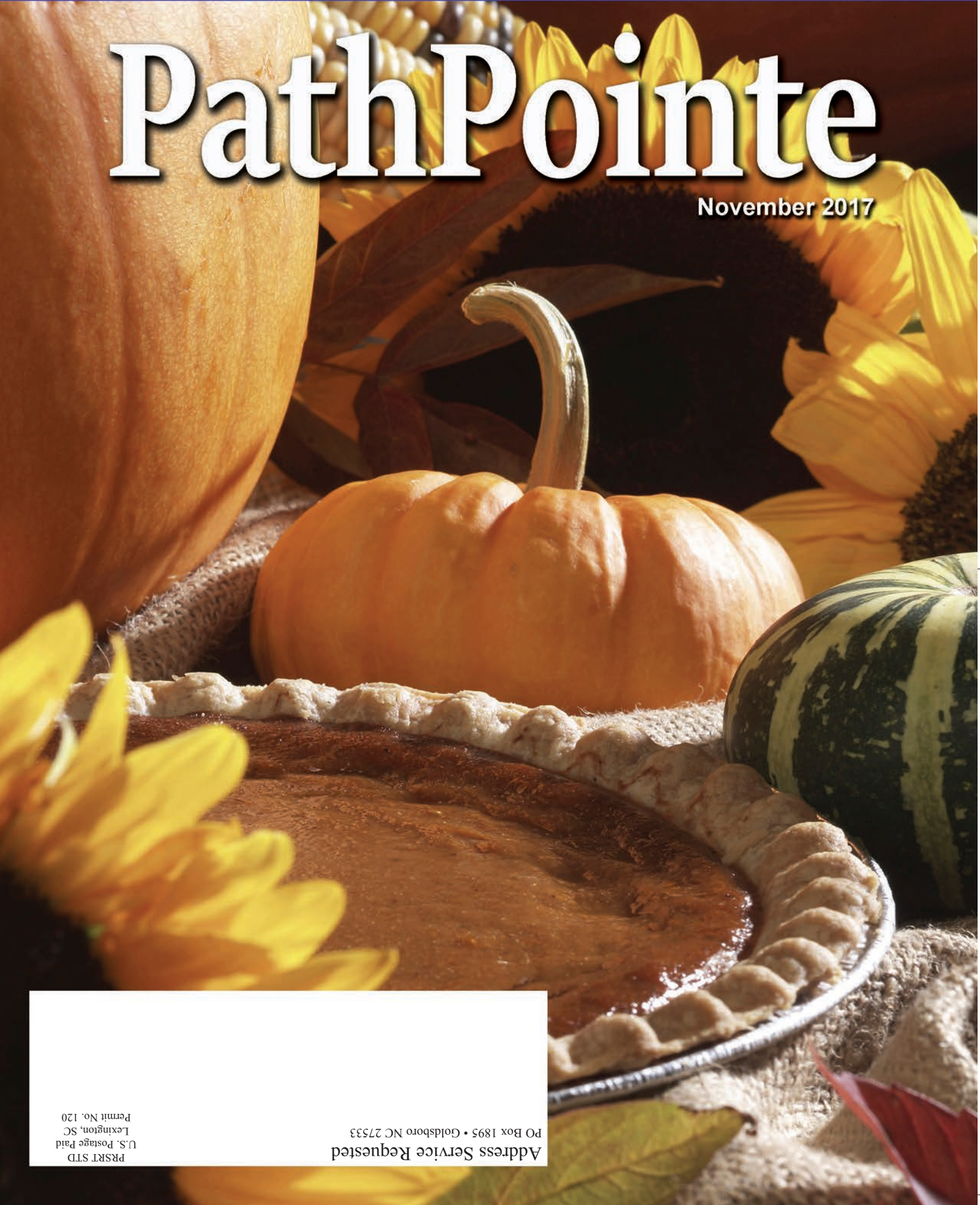


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We are living in an unthankful generation. Perhaps this is no clearer evidenced than by the demise of the humble *“Thank You Card”*.

Years ago, thank-you notes were an art form. They were personal, timely, and genuine. In other words, there was a certain etiquette which had to be followed in sending thank you notes. Unfortunately, receiving a handwritten thank-you note seems to be increasingly rare.

After the personal hand-written note came the card companies like Hallmark. They printed a big *“Thank You”* on the front and let you fill out the inside. Later, as their customers demanded a less troublesome way to send their deepest heartfelt appreciation, they offered a prefilled inside that you could just sign. Like a generic *“Thank you so much for whatever you did.”* Yeah, that works.

Clyde Barrow, now there’s a guy who knew how to write a Thank You Card. With all his vices, the guy was still appreciative. Legend has it Henry Ford received a letter about a month before Bonnie and Clyde were killed in 1934. At the time, the notorious outlaws were attempting to outrun the police; in a V8-powered Ford.

*Dear Sir:*

*While I still have got breath in my lungs I will tell you what a dandy car you make. I have drove Fords exclusively when I could get away with one. For sustained speed and freedom from trouble the Ford has got ever other car skinned and even if my business hasn’t been strictly legal it don’t hurt anything to tell you what a fine car you got in the V8.*

*Yours truly,  
Clyde Champion Barrow*

Today, we have found it is far more convenient to ping off an email, tap out a few words on a smartphone, or tweet a twitter. Modern folks just find an appropriate emoji. Sure, why not? You send me a million dollars, and I will send you a smiley face. I mean, like, what do you expect? I’m a busy guy.

But wait a minute. Since when did convenience have anything to do with politeness and consideration for others? Mom used to make me write thank you notes with no help from Hallmark. Was it a chore to write these letters? Of course it was! But it was especially important for a kid to learn to express gratitude for what he had been given. Perhaps, in a small way, if we could get back to the humble spirit of the Thank You Card, it might encourage the revival of courtesy, politeness, and respect, which many

of today's young people seem to have lost for their elders. Well...perhaps?

Likewise, there is a certain etiquette which must be followed when being grateful to God. There are a few do's and don'ts when it comes to giving thanks we can learn from the Thank You Card.

***First, we usually don't complain in a thank you note.***

Can you imagine receiving a thank you note that complained about the gift? ***"Thank you for the \$25.00 gift, but I was wondering why you didn't send \$50.00. We both know you could afford it. Why are you being so cheap? I was really disappointed with your lack of generosity."***

Yet, this is often the silent thoughts we have about God. We like to complain about what He doesn't do. Just as God hears our prayers, He also hears our complaints. He knows when we are counting our blessings and when we are envious of the blessings of another. Every time we complain about our health, possessions, families, or our jobs, we are complaining about God's provisions. How would we feel if we gave our children our very best, provided them with everything they needed, worked long hours to assure them of Christmas gifts, tasty food to eat, nice clothes to wear, and many things we never had, and then we found that they complained to their friends about how we fail to take care of them? We'd feel heartbroken. We'd feel that our best was not good enough, and we would not appreciate the unappreciative children who owed their very life to us. How then do you imagine God feels when He has given his only Son for our salvation and lavished us with everything we need?

People who are truly thankful don't complain. They can always find a reason to be grateful. Matthew Henry, who wrote a great Bible commentary, was once robbed. The thieves took everything of value that he had. Later that evening he wrote in his diary these words, ***"I am thankful that during these years I have never been robbed before. Also, even though they took my money, they did not take my life. Although they took all I had, it was not much. Finally, I am grateful that it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed."*** This man had every reason to complain, but he still maintained the character to be thankful.

***Second, thank you notes are usually personal.***

Can you imagine a thank you note addressed to dear occupant? In the best Thank You Cards, we usually indicate the person's name and briefly describe the gift in our own personal handwriting and style: ***"Dear Robert, thank you for the wonderful box of chocolates you gave me."*** We should do the same in our thanksgiving to the Lord.

Knowing my wife had slaved over a stove for hours to cook our Thanksgiving dinner, what if I stood

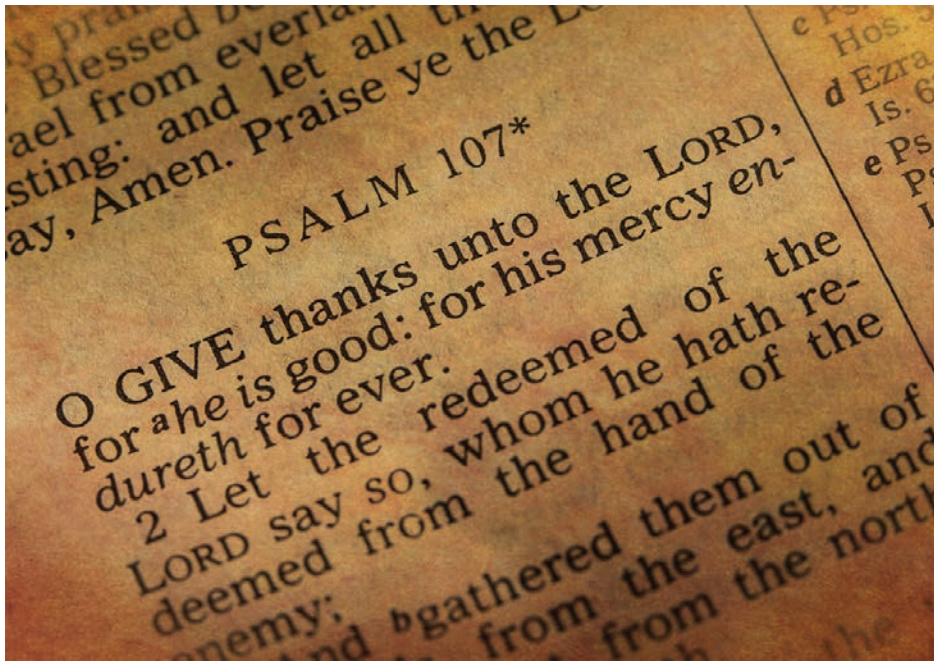
up before the meal and said: ***"I am thankful that Food Lion sells turkeys, and for the cranberry growers, and for the craftsman that made this chair I am sitting in, and for the garbage men who will pick up these bones when I am finished."*** Indeed, these things may play a role in my enjoyment, but what about the sacrifices and efforts of the cook?

Your note should begin by expressing your heartfelt thanks. You don't need to be mushy with your language, but feel free to make your gratitude specific to the recipient and use emotion to convey your thanks. Doing this proves that rendering thanks is not just another task on your to-do list. Let's make our thanksgiving personal to the Lord.

***Third, your notes should be specific.***

A proper southern style thanksgiving requires us to be specific about the gift or service we're grateful for. Otherwise, some lukewarm and general thanks can come off as disingenuous: ***"Thank for all the stuff you have done; whatever it was you did, and whenever it was you did it."*** But, sometimes that is the way we thank our Lord. I have noticed sometimes at a baby shower or





wedding, folks write a quick note on the back of each gift's card to help the recipient remember what each person gave. That sounds smart.

Telling the giver how you plan to use the gift can make all the difference to the person you're thanking. Instead of saying, *"Thanks for the hammer,"* try, *"I'm planning on doing some projects around the house, and this new hammer will be perfect for driving my nails and crushing my thumb."* If someone has given you money, you can detail in your card what you're saving for or how the cash will be a significant help in an area of need.

If you're sending a thank you note for service rather than an item, you can be specific about how it helped you in your time of need. For example, *"Seeing the flowers you sent for Grandpa's funeral instantly lifted my mood and reminded me of your friendship."* After your specific thank you, you can sign off with your love and signature. We should do the same for our Lord. We should tell God how His blessings have benefited and enriched our lives.

### *Finally, thank you notes should be timely.*

I think one of the most important things about saying thank you is doing it in a timely manner. Of course, a thank you at any time is better than none at all, but I find I'm more likely to give thanks if I do it quickly. No matter the size of the gift, a simple thank you sent within a few days of receiving the gift is always best. It lets the person know you took the time to sit down and acknowledge their kindness, and their efforts were not discounted, overlooked, or forgotten.

By nature, we are forgetful people, looking forward not back. Ask us what we want, and we can tell you. Ask us what we are thankful for, and we stare blankly into space. If we are carrying heavy burdens this holiday season, we cannot recall the joyous holidays we celebrated in the past. If money is tight, we whine. We cannot remember the past when the money was not a big issue. If miles separate our family this holiday season, we become depressed and forget all the years we were able to be together. Thankful people can remember God's blessings like they can recall the smell of a turkey cooking

in grandma's oven. Thankful people don't have to have everything going their way to rejoice. Thankful people can remember how God has provided, and they even see His comforting hand in their day of trouble.

Paul wrote his letter to the church at Philippi while he was in jail. He had been beaten, abandoned by his friends, lost contact with his churches, and it was during those horrendous circumstances that he penned this Epistle of Joy. He writes to *"rejoice in the Lord"* and to be *"thankful."* Thankful people refuse to allow today's troubles blind them to yesterday's blessings. Thankful people realize that today's troubles will be tomorrow's miracles. Thanksgiving helps prevent the invasion of a disgruntled attitude, while it destroys the spirit of faultfinding and grumbling.

I know, it is the lady of the house that usually writes the thank you notes for the family. However, when it comes to being thankful to our Lord, men, women, and children bear a responsibility. So, as we celebrate Thanksgiving and compose our *"Thank You Notes"* to the Lord, give Him thanks without complaint, make it personal, be specific, and timely. Remember the blessings of the Lord our God, who gave us His Son for our salvation and has provided for us life eternal and life abundant.

*Additional Reference:  
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## Big Things in Small Packages—Impacting our Community

Big things coming in small packages! Now that's something we hear all the time, but it is seldom true. Usually, big things come in bigger packages, it just makes more sense. Of course, sometimes small things come in big packages, usually with a lot of added fluff. However, big things in little packages; that's rare.

Now, I would like to relate that to three types of churches. There are the big churches that come in big packages. There are not many of them, but there are a few big, doctrinally sound, Bible-believing churches which have huge ministries that are doing a great work for God. Thank God for them!

Next, comes the small church in the big package. If you have ever received a big box that contains a small item, you know the box is usually filled with air bags or foam peanuts. Many churches that appear to be big to the casual observer would fit into this category. They are impressive to look

at, but when you look deeper you find they often contain very little real substance. Trouble is, it still costs a lot of money to purchase, maintain, and ship all of that fluff. So, sometimes these churches are not doing a lot of evangelism or outreach because all that packaging can easily dominate the budget.

Finally, we have the rarity of the big church coming in the little package. Perhaps this is not as rare as you might think, because in my humble opinion, that is the kind of church most Bible-believing Christians attend. It reminds me of Mary Poppins. She just kept pulling things out of her bag, more and more, to the point of absurdity. You can't help but wonder what is going to come out of that little bag next!

That's what Jesus is speaking of with His lesson about the mustard seed. Mustard seeds are small, but when you plant them, they grow into giant bushes.

Our ministry is like a well packed bag. You can cram a lot into it, and you get a lot out of it. There is so much potential! "Oh, we're just a small ministry." Yes, it's true: we don't necessarily have some of the resources of larger ministries. But,

just like Jesus reminded the church at Philadelphia, that knowledge should not limit us.

In the south we might have trouble relating to the middle-eastern mustard seed, but we can relate to the kudzu seed. It grows. It spreads. It takes over. It just gets bigger and bigger and bigger. The power of God is like that. Once you take it out of the bag, and plant it in the fertile soil, you are not going to be able to contain it.

It takes work, cultivation, water, initiative, and sacrifice from us. It takes prayers, time, and yes, it takes money. But when I think about what is before us, what possibilities there are, and the fruits of the harvest that we will enjoy—well, it's hard not to be excited. God makes all this possible. God has given us so much, so many things just under our noses, waiting to be unpacked and cultivated.

We must see ourselves as that little seed, that little ministry, packed with promise, filled with grace, ready to burst forth with new energy and life and love through every door the Lord opens for us. Big things in small packages? It's rare, but as our **Faith Partners**, God has put you in a position to see it first-hand.







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**Second Edition** upholds the mission of seeing the lost saved and the broken restored, bringing encouragement to the hurting, and sharing the freedom that comes through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. They also proclaim we are all created in the image and likeness of almighty God. Just as the "second edition" of a book is based upon and draws from the example of the first, we should all keep our eyes on the Lord Jesus Christ as an example in our lives and base all we do on His Word. We all should strive each day to be more like our Creator and share the Gospel message with a lost and dying world.

Today, **Second Edition** is composed of four dedicated and talented men who respect the calling of Christ in their lives. The group today consists of **Anthony Bennett**, baritone/manager; **Brad Everington**, lead/

piano; **Jonathan Pope**, tenor; and **Keith Jones**, bass guitar. Since the beginning, they have recorded a total of thirteen albums, become a long standing and committed member group of the **East Coast Gospel Music Association**, purchased a custom coach for travel, been featured on both television and radio, and ministered to countless souls across the east and beyond. Even so, the measure of success is not based upon accomplishments but rather the contribution to the Kingdom, by leading souls to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work on the cross. The group strives to produce an entertaining and high energy worship experience for its audience, and they are determined to reach the young and old through a unique blend of progressive and traditional harmonies, profound lyrics, and personal testimony.

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# An Unusual Thank You!

*Mrs. Sherry Worthington*

As a mother of five, I have had many unexpected pleasures in raising my children. Our children have given us so much joy over the years. We have had our struggles along the way, but my husband and I have enjoyed being parents, and we think we have the greatest kids on earth.

I recall an occasion when one of our children came home from work frustrated. When we were saying good night, out of the blue, she had an unusual thank you. She thanked me that she wasn't a brat. I don't know if this was because she had faced so many disobedient

children that night, or if it was a new revelation. All I know is she saw the results of children getting their way, and she didn't like it. We began to talk about the past and the battles we had been through together. Fortunately, she acknowledged she was glad I had stood my ground. She thanked me for not letting her win the battles.

Nothing came easy with her, but there is one battle that will always stand out in my mind. It was always a challenge to make her punishment tough enough. The pleasure of what she wanted to do was often greater

than the reality of getting in trouble. Our other children often teased her about being spanked, and in her later years, being grounded more days of the calendar year than not.

The battle I am referring to occurred during her first two weeks of preschool. She decided she was not going to obey her teacher. When I picked my child up on the first day of school, I asked the teacher how my daughter's day went. A very frustrated lady looked at me and began to enlighten me on the day's events. My beautiful child had refused to do every single thing



the teacher had told her to do. Not difficult things mind you, but simple things—like standing to pledge to the flag and cutting with scissors. Of course, I told her I would talk to her, and I attributed her behavior to first day withdrawals, but I knew my daughter, so I was concerned. We went home, and we had a talk. I explained that she was to obey her teacher, and I reminded her that the consequences would be the same as if she disobeyed me.

When we went to school the next morning, I told her teacher if she had any trouble with my little girl to call me at work. As soon as I got to work, the phone rang. Well, guess what! She would not stand and pledge to the flag. On the way to my child's school, I began to remember all of the things I had been taught and had read. Of course, many authors disagree on how to handle disobedient children. However, the Bible has clear teachings on this type of behavior. So I knew one thing for sure. I had to win this battle. If not, the final war would be lost—the war to keep my child out of the hands of selfishness and Satan. I'm not sure I really knew what was before me, but I spiritually put on my battle paint. I had already tried talking, and now it had obviously progressed to direct disobedience. When I arrived at school, I took care of the problem with the rod of correction. I cried all the way back to work. No one wants to spank her child, but I knew it was necessary. I thought maybe the problem was solved. That afternoon I picked up my child from school and asked her teacher if the rest of the day had been better. My daughter had obeyed, reluctantly, but it had been better. OK! My hopes were up.



The next morning I dropped my child off at school and gave the teacher the same instructions. I received another phone call that morning. *“She will not do her work, and she refuses to cooperate.”* I got in the car and made my way to the school. For two weeks, it became a morning ritual. I began to pray fervently, *“Lord, I have to break her will. She cannot go through life like this.”* Finally, after two grueling weeks of consistent discipline, I made a lasting impression. I cried all the way to work, but the next time I talked with her teacher, she told me they had a wonderful day. I praised my daughter, and I was so relieved. The pain had become greater than the pleasure of disobedience. I never received another call from one of her teachers for bad behavior.

We laugh about it now, but no one was laughing then. As we talked that night, we began to recall other incidents that had occurred in her life since her preschool days. We had other struggles that I won't go into for your sake, but it has been worth it. She has become my friend as well as my daughter. She is grateful that I was willing for her to see me as her enemy in order to later be her

friend. Is she perfect? We all know the answer to that question. Will she mess up again? We know the answer to that question, too.

But all of the battles we faced were worth it, because she knew that her parents loved her enough to discipline her. Fortunately, she is grateful for the discipline. If you have a doubt, all of the battles are worth it. Your child's future is worth fighting the battles!

*Our children are all grown now and have children of their own. As parents, we are so thankful for the relationship we have with our children, and we want to thank them for being the best! They have all thanked us in one way or another for being their parents, not allowing them to be brats, and making the effort to instill character in their lives. We hope they feel the same way as they raise their own children. The pleasure has been and always will be ours!*



**Mrs. Worthington has five children and eleven grandchildren. She serves as Principal of Pathway Christian Academy in Goldsboro.**



# "UNTHANKSGIVING"

## The Hidden Root of America's Problems



*Rev. Jason Sherman*

Isn't it amazing how things we feel aren't a very big deal, are actually a humongous deal in God's eyes? Let me give you a quick example... When I was a child, I can remember being taught the Ten Commandments. I remember thinking to myself, *"If these are the BIG 10, each of these must be of amazing importance. After all, God chose to include them in His top 10 list, right?"* The one commandment that always confused me was the tenth one: "Thou Shalt Not Covet..." With all due respect to my now Heavenly Father, I can remember thinking then (*I wasn't saved at the time*) – *"Wow, He sure wasted a top 10 number on that*

*one!"* I mean, wasn't there more important things to address than covetousness?

As a Christian adult looking upon the massive problems plaguing American society today, I see how pitifully dumb I was in my assessment. You can chalk it up to youthful ignorance, the inability of my lost mind to fathom such a core spiritual truth (*see 1 Corinthians 2:14*), or any other reason I guess. The truth is God absolutely needed to include it in His top 10 list then, now, and until time ends! In fact, I would dare say if America genuinely repented of the covetousness in our land, we would see so many

problems mended and a real revival springing forth out of that great movement.

***"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."***

**1 Thessalonians 5:18**

Let me quickly say covetousness has a terrible twin brother: envy. There's not much difference between the two - but there is a difference. As far as my studies have gone, the real difference is "the focus." Both covetousness and envy are evil, mind you, but covetousness focuses more on the possessions of a man while envy does more focusing on

the man himself. Covetousness is so sinister because it places in the sinful heart of a human the primal desire to remove the man in order to obtain his possessions. Normally, envy doesn't go that far but rather delves into the sewers of slander and backbiting in order to demean or diminish the person being envied. You know, the whole *"I'll bring you down so I can look taller"* mindset.

When you watch the news and really dig deep into what you see each day, you will notice covetousness is a root cause of most of the problems our nation sees. There seems to be a booming popularity for socialist ideals, especially among our youth, that are doing nothing more than fanning the evil flames of covetousness within their hearts. When we see riots and mobs coming out with violent protests, more likely than not, the sin of covetousness is at the root of such nonsense. Note: any peaceable protest is not included in this observation. Violence is normally a good indicator that sin is behind those who riot.

Friends, the power of covetousness has reached a fever pitch in America. When a society reaches this level of sin, **civility** and **respect** are thrown out completely. Once the pillars of those two attributes are torn down, you can rest assured **force** will be needed to restore civility, and **revival** will be needed to restore respect. If neither of these failsafes step in at their required time, the infected country will fall.

According to God we are to be thankful in and for everything we have, including the health to work. When a Christian goes out and works hard at an honest living, their work becomes a blessing to

them and allows them to provide for their family and help others. At the very same time, hard work is actually an expression of their own Thanksgiving unto God. They are thanking God by using their good health to be a productive citizen and a blessing to many.

When others covet what a hard worker has earned, they are actually revolting against someone who is pleasing their Heavenly Father in their strong work ethic. Like Cain of old, the person who covets is hating someone obeying God, doing something His way, and being richly rewarded for it.

If what we read in God's Word is true (*and I want you to know I believe it is*), instead of sitting on our hind parts sinfully scheming of a way to obtain someone else's property, why don't we get up and go get to work? I've noticed covetousness and envy are a lazy man's games. This is yet another reason God is so passionately against these terrible

plagues of the heart. He despises the lazy spirit, called slothfulness, in the Bible.

The reason why socialism is so evil is because it takes away from our country one of the tenets that make American culture so unique: the opportunity for anyone to work hard and succeed. In pretty much any other country in the world, you are not given this chance. Whether it is having to be a cohort within an elite rulership to achieve success, or worse still, having to be born into the proper caste in order to have success, what the rest of the countries of the world offer in respect to opportunity dims in comparison to our great nation.

Socialism says everyone should have an equal piece of the pie regardless of how hard they work or how lazy they are. With this policy, those who do work hard are rightfully angry and those who are slothful and lazy sinfully rejoice. Why? Because socialism



always takes from producers (*hard workers*) and gives to leaches (*the lazy*). Keep in mind, we're not talking about helping the poor or supporting those who are truly in need. There are many instances of people genuinely unable to work and provide for themselves. Christians have always been called to help the downtrodden. I believe Christ's body, the Church, has shown forth a faithful standard in continually doing this even during eras where no structured government offered such assistance.

The American system has always hinged on everyone having equal opportunity in the pie shop. If you want to go in there and get to work for some pie, no one is going to require you to have the "right" last name or be a "buddy" to the right people in order to enter. America has always been the land of the free. You are FREE to work hard and make a successful living for yourself.

America doesn't even promise the result is guaranteed. Some people step into the pie shop, work hard, take a chance and fail. America provides them the freedom to do that, too. That is unfortunate, but it's life. Socialism takes away the freedom to try, thus chaining and

enslaving it's citizens in failure. If you don't believe this, learn from history (*Socialism fails every time*) or even current events. Ask Venezuela how socialism is working for them?

*"And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without [outside of God's Family], and that ye may have lack of nothing."*

**I Thessalonians 4:11-12**

God created you and I to be hard workers. He has created within the heart of every human a desire to do good work and to be satisfied in viewing the fruit of our labors. Moms and Dads, let's do our country a favor and instill in our children a great work ethic. Teach them to get out there and work hard, but also to take time and with thanksgiving, celebrate their accomplishments. Help them to realize how awesome it feels when you go out and earn your pay. Then, teach them the tithe belongs to God, Who gave us the health and opportunity to work. Then with the rest of the money we earned, we save, use for life, and provide for our families and the needy.

There's nothing wrong with succeeding. There's nothing wrong with having nice things, so long as we earned them through good, honest work and they don't take us away from our relationship with God. In fact, if our work is right, and our heart is right, celebrating with God His bounty is one of the greatest expressions of Thanksgiving.

We are surrounded by so many blessings of God. May we take time each day and genuinely thank God for His benefits. Let's not waste our time in the doldrums of covetousness. It breeds hate, sin, and ungratefulness. There's so much more to life than wanting what your neighbor has!

*"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him."*

**Colossians 3:17**



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## Thanksgiving...

*When we would gather around the table for Thanksgiving, Dad was always seated at the head. Mama never had a place, even though we kept one for her, because she was busy serving, making sure nothing was overlooked after the “Prayer of Thanksgiving” went around the table. She would always chime in for each of us to pass around things that might be missing from each other’s plates. Thanksgiving was a celebration of loved ones coming together, sharing that special day at the table with laughter. There are stories I will never forget of our families being blessed; remembering the things God has seen us through. Like the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, the seas of life have been hard, but through God’s grace and mercy, we can now stand on His Rock.*

**A. D.**

*Thank you Heavenly Father for the many blessings you have provided in my life. First, I cannot thank you enough for saving me. It still amazes me that You never gave up on me throughout all of the years that I ran from You. My life since then has been so rich and full of happiness. Thank you for the blessings of my family. It was only a few years ago that we thought we would not be able to have children, but you have blessed us with two wonderful children and with a happy marriage. All too often we forget to thank You, Dear Lord, for these treasures. You have protected us and guided us throughout our marriage, and I am so grateful to You for Your grace and mercy.*

**G. G.**

*I thank God for allowing me to grow up in a Christian family. My parents taught me principles of the Word of God and helped me understand the great*

*and wonderful promises found there. It was through my parent’s influence that I came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. I thank God for this eternal life He has given me with Him and for all the blessings I have received in Christ Jesus. I thank God also for the life He gives us on Earth, and the opportunity to be a testimony to the world around us. It is incredible to see His power working in my life.*

**P. I.**

*I am thankful to God for choosing me to be saved by His grace. I am thankful I have never been in great need. I am thankful I am at a wonderful Christian school, not that everything is perfect, but what system of man is perfect? I am thankful that I live in a Christian family, one that loves me, even through ups and downs. I am thankful for all of His blessings in my life, and I am thankful that He has always been by my side.*

**L. B.**

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