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RE- FLECTING GOD

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Psalm 66:10-20

One of the hallmark characteristics of a God-centered and prayer-filled life is an attitude of thanksgiving. When we become aware of all the ways we benefit from outside help, resources beyond ourselves, kindness and generosity of others, we should be quick to acknowledge those sources and gifts. A spirit of gratitude can become a contagious example and a fertile soil for seeds of provision and crops of good gifts to be more easily grown.

The apostle Paul knew this as he encouraged the church in Philippi to pray in every situation "with thanksgiving" (Philippians 4:6). In James we're reminded that "every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights" (James 1:17). A disposition of gratefulness is not only advisable, but crucial to receiving the gifts of God and answers to our prayers.

Perhaps we've all been tempted to take credit for our victories. However, people of prayer, like the psalmist, will turn the attention and glory back to God. His name be praised!

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