

I Thank You, For You

“I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.”

– Romans 1:8 –

One thing we know about the Apostle Paul: he had a thankful heart. In almost every one of his epistles Paul expressed thanks for the people who received his message. Though he knew that each church needed some level of correction, he didn't just send instruction; he also sent words of thankfulness. Paul expressed what is in the heart of all true servants of the Lord – an attitude of gratitude.

Unfortunately, some people go through life dwelling on the negative. They refuse to be grateful for the good that God is doing in someone else's life. If it isn't happening to them, then they treat it somewhat apathetically. Paul didn't express his thanks by saying, “I'm so thankful for what God has done for *me*”; rather, he said, “I thank God for *you*.” He received as much joy from someone else's success as he did from his own. May the same be true of you as well.

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