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I'M THANKFUL

***“We give thanks to You, o God, we give thanks!
For your wondrous works declare that Your name is near.”
Psalm 75:1 NKJV***

I'm thankful.

I am thankful for revelation and comprehension. Do you know that if we didn't have revelation we really couldn't comprehend anything new? Life would be dull and lifeless and we couldn't connect the new “thing” to anything else we do. For example, I could learn that $2 + 2$ is 4, but without revelation and comprehension, could I then deduce that $2+4 = 6$?

I am thankful for variety. God could have made one personality, one body type, one height and one weight. We could have only one color instead of the rainbow. Without His creating it, could we imagine numerous shades of pink? We could have only one tree or one type of grass or one flower. What if we only had one season and it was only the hottest summer or the coldest winter?

Thank God for invention, imagination and ingenuity. Without this, we'd still be riding horses, sitting by fires outside our caves (even though that's where my kids think I grew up!) Since my grandfather Chesser was born in 1898, we have not only left riding animals for the invention of the car – but had men on the moon!!! Only God could give that kind of accelerated invention!

How miserable would we be if there was only baseball without basketball, golf, football, soccer, yachting, rugby, softball, Frisbee, curling, skiing, sledding, fishing, surfing, ice skating, hockey, diving, horseback riding or NASCAR?

What if there were only necessary animals—the ones for eating – cows, chickens, fish, and deer? What if there were no pets or only one kind of pet – a rat?

Thank God for our senses. I love the smell of fresh mown grass in the spring. My girls can smell snow in the air before we ever see it. I can sometimes smell rain. Beautiful sunrises and sunsets! The sense of a cool breeze on a hot day! The sound of laughter. The taste of peanut butter homemade ice cream. (My Dad made the best.)

There are so many wonderful things our Father provided for us that are so easily taken for granted. We just assume it is the way things have to be. Not so, but these are the provisions of a loving Heavenly Father, who wanted us to enjoy the world He created and the life He gave us.

I have heard that ancient Jewish rabbis taught that when we die, God will ask us if we enjoyed the world He created for us. Are you enjoying it?

We usually take time after our Thanksgiving meal to go around the table and tell the things for which we are thankful. Take a moment to look around and see the things for which you are thankful this year!

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