

Don't Take the Blessings for Granted

There is an old saying in life: People often take for granted the very things they once prayed for. If we are honest, that truth shows up in many of our lives. There is a pattern that repeats itself over and over: When life is hard → people pray.

When life gets comfortable → people forget. When the bills pile up, when the doctor gives bad news, when the road gets dark — suddenly people begin to pray with passion. But when the job comes through... when the health returns... when the table is full and the house is warm... many people slowly drift away from the very God who helped them through the storm.

Scripture Warning

Deuteronomy 8:10–14 warns us: “When thou hast eaten and art full... and hast built goodly houses and dwelt therein... Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God.” God understood human nature. Hard times drive us to God, but comfort can slowly pull us away from Him.

A Story

There was a farmer who lived through a terrible drought. His fields were dry, his crops were dying, and every night he fell on his knees praying, “Lord, please send rain. I can't make it without you.” Weeks later the rain finally came. The crops began to grow again. The fields turned green and the barns began to fill. Soon the farmer became busy again — fixing fences, harvesting grain, counting his profits. One evening his young son asked him, “Dad, why don't we pray before supper anymore?” The farmer looked down at his plate and quietly said, “I guess I forgot how much we needed God.”

Jesus Taught This Too

In Luke 17, Jesus healed ten lepers. Ten men received a miracle, but only one returned to say thank you. Jesus asked, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?” Nine received the blessing, but only one remembered the giver.

The Lesson

The danger in life is not always suffering. Sometimes the real danger is success without gratitude. Because the moment we start believing we did it all ourselves, we begin taking God's goodness for granted.

Closing Thought

Remember this truth: The very things we take for granted today are the things we would pray desperately for if they were suddenly taken away tomorrow. So do not only pray when life gets hard. Pray when life is good. Thank God for the breath in your lungs, the roof over your head, and another day to live.