

Women's Ministry



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GIVE THANKS

I am thankful to God for you, for your support of this ministry and for your willing disposition to serve. The following is from my blog that I would like to share with you:

"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever." ~[Psalm 107:1](#)

Have you ever received a gift without saying "thank you"? This would be rude indeed to do such a thing. How can one not render a heartfelt thanks for their gift no matter how small or humble it may be? Of course we would say "thank you" for their thoughtfulness and generosity. If we are to say "thank you" to those here on earth how much more are we to give thanks to our Father in heaven for His goodness and love. The following are just a few ways that God has been good to me and has demonstrated His love towards me:

- **T** - Thinking of me all the time. *"How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!"* ([Psalm 139:17](#))
- **H** - His Hand Holds me securely when I go to Him. *"I cling to you; your strong right hand holds me securely."* ([Psalm 63:8](#))
- **A** - Attentive to my needs. *"And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus."* ([Philippians 4:19](#))
- **N** - Never will He leave me especially when facing life's battles. *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."* ([Deuteronomy 31:6](#))
- **K** - Knows the plans He has for me. *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* ([Jeremiah 29:11](#))
- **S** - Salvation. Amen! *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."* ([John 3:16](#))

What other ways has God demonstrated His goodness and love towards you? Would love to know! Share on

my [Facebook page](#) or [Twitter](#).

Here is an activity you can do with your group so to share the love of Jesus with others:

Fruit of the Spirit

Have a basket or container filled with a variety of fruits. For each fruit attach a piece of paper with a colorful string with one of the Fruit of the Spirit as found in Galatians 5:22-23: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control.

Each fruit can be represented by:

Love = Apple ~ The color red represents the blood He shed to save me. (John 3:16)

Joy = Banana ~ I have a choice to smile today because I am loved from up above. (Jeremiah 31:3)

Peace = Peach ~ As the last letter in each of these two words makes a difference in their meaning, God offers peace to me not only to make a difference in my life but in return I can make a difference in others. (Matthew 5:9)

Patience = Kiwi ~ It would take a lot of patience to count the seeds found in one single Kiwi which reminds me of how patient God is with us. (2 Peter 3:9)

Kindness = Grapes ~ God gives us "clusters" blessings so that we may share with others. (Hebrews 13:16)

Goodness = Orange ~ As oranges are high in nutrients and are available year-round, may I be good to my self and others each day. (2 John 1:11)

Faithfulness = Cherries ~ Just like you believe that cherries have pits, then you should believe (have faith) that God is for you not against you. (Romans 8:31)

Gentleness = Lemon ~ Lemon juice keeps other fruit fresh, so being gentle towards others will preserve relationships. (Ephesians 4:2)

Self-Control = Strawberry ~ A strawberry looks like a heart and God wants to give us a new heart filled with the Holy Spirit which gives us power, love and self-control. (2 Timothy 1:7)

Give the fruit basket to someone who needs encouragement.