

# Giving Thanks In All Things

We move towards Thanksgiving as we enter into November, which causes many of us to reflect on what we are thankful for. We do it as individuals, as families, and churches, etc. I think these exercises are good, in fact, Jan and I practiced this as a family for many years when the kids were young. It is something we should do all year long and make more of a part of our daily personal discipline. We almost always express thankfulness when we pray before a meal, or really just pray in general. Thankfulness is a strategic piece of prayer.

I am not sure about you, but I know it has always been easy to be thankful when life is good. I remember back 18 years ago when I lost a career, along with the money and benefits that went with it. Life was not as good as it had been, times were hard, money was scarce, work was However, one of the many blessings that grew out of this season was seeing the blessings of God through others. Bags of groceries appearing on

our front porch, odd jobs offered by people, gift cards, presents for our daughters...this list goes on and on. Like my faith story in this same time period, my eyes were opened to God's blessings. Prior to this we may not have seen them, or if we saw them, we didn't give credit to God, whom ALL blessings come from. It changed me to not only be thankful in the "good" times but to develop a heart of thankfulness ALL the time. Have I perfected that? NO!! But I work on it continually.

I just want to take this time to share my and really "our" thankfulness as the individuals who make up this ministry and our families. We say it every from the stage at our Iron Sharpens Iron events when we make the offering ask. We are thankful for EVERY penny that God brings into this ministry. We recognize that you are giving financially to support this ministry as an act of both sacrifice and obedience. We know that many of you are giving out of your need, like the widow in Luke 21, while others are giving out of their abundance, however; both are giving to support a ministry they believe God is working through to change the hearts of men. We ask at the conferences and at the end of the year because we can't do this without your financial support. We thank God daily for each of you. We believe we have been called to this ministry, and we too, do so out of both obedience and sacrifice. Our greatest desire is to glorify God and we believe that we do that by encouraging and equipping, pastors, leaders and everyday men to know Christ and to grow in Christ. We know that out of that flow's healthy men, healthy marriages, healthy families, communities, workplaces and churches. Thank you, from all of us at RPM, myself, Tom Gensler and Christy Stacey and our families, we are most thankful for your support.

**Rejoice always, pray continually, Give Thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

**I Thes. 5:16-18**

*Tom Cheshire, Executive Director, RPM*



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RPM's vision is to serve local churches, to assist in maturing their men spiritually, which will impact their families and change their communities for God's glory. Our game plan, called Our Ecosystem, incorporates our ISI conferences, church leadership training, and personalized coaching. It is proven to help churches reach more men all over the Midwest. Your prayer and financial support fuel this vision!

The RPM ministry generates support two ways. The most visible way is through our conference ministry, Iron Sharpens Iron. The second is from monthly financial supporters like you who believe in the work God has called us to. Mission 100 was launched several years ago with the idea that if 100 people, families, or churches would financially support the RPM Team with \$100 per month it would ensure that we would be financially healthy. This aides in covering modest salaries, travel costs to meet with men, administrative items such as mailing supplies, computers and equipment, and general office needs.



When you support RPM at any amount from \$5 per month to \$400 per month you are partnering with our team. As we literally move the Word of God into the lives of men individually through the one-on-one discipling and in coaching with ministry leaders who give leadership to tens of thousands of men in churches all around Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri.

Thank you for supporting our vision if you already are and please prayerfully consider joining our team by filling out the offering card with a monthly or one-time gift.

*Tom Gensler, Director of Development, RPM*

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*November 26  
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*December 1  
Giving Tuesday*

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