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What Keeps Us From Giving Thanks?

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Ecclesiastes 2:9-11 – **9** Then I became great and increased more than all who preceded me in Jerusalem. My wisdom also stood by me. **10** All that my eyes desired I did not refuse them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, for my heart was pleased

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because of all my labor and this was my reward for all my labor. 11 Thus I considered all my activities which my hands had done and the labor which I had exerted, and behold all was vanity and striving after wind and there was no profit under the sun.

Focusing on what we don't have



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1 Kings 21:1 – 1 Now it came about after these things that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard which was in Jezreel beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 2 Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, “Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable

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garden because it is close beside my house, and I will give you a better vineyard than it in its place; if you like, I will give you the price of it in money.” 3 But Naboth said to Ahab, “The LORD forbid me that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers.” 4 So Ahab

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came into his house sullen and vexed because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and ate no food.

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16 And He told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man was very productive. **17** And he began reasoning to himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?’ **18** Then he said, ‘This is what I will do: I will

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tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. **19** And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.” **20** But God said to

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him, ‘You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?’ 21 So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”



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