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Every good and perfect gift comes from God according to the book of James 1:17. Many people think they are self-made when all along it is God that has blessed them. Even the breath in our lungs is a gift. Ask someone with emphysema and they would be sure to tell you not to take your breath for granted.

I love bright colors. Every day in the morning God paints the sky with the most beautiful sunrise, and at night with the sunset that can be breathtaking. I have always loved to look at clouds and many times they look like faces or animals, and I do not have to pay a cent to enjoy it.

Psalm 103:2 tells us not to forget all his benefits. There are so many benefits that we receive and take for granted. I am so thankful for the little things. I like nature and was swimming one day when a dragonfly flew right by me, and then zoomed in and out the whole time I was in the swimming pool. I thought about it later, and realized God sent that dragonfly as a mosquito deterrent just for me. We lost our pool cage in the hurricane and have not been able to replace it yet, and God made a simple provision.

How often we are blessed and don't even realize it. I met a lady once that had no saliva. She had to put drops into her mouth to eat because there was no saliva to help with chewing. It must have been so difficult to live without saliva and I just take it for granted. I am sure if we made a list of all the benefits God sends our way, we would never stop writing.

It is so much better to be thankful than to always be unappreciative. It is easy to become negative in a world full of sin, but there is much more to be positive about. If you count your blessings, you will always have more than enough. So, quit complaining about what you do not have, and start thanking God for what he does give you, and you will feel so much better. I am thankful for each of you that is reading this. May you be blessed to be a blessing!