

Read This to Your Family on Thanksgiving

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Let's thank God for a wonder we take for granted.

In Psalm 139:14-15 David wrote:

“For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully
and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.”

Have you ever given thanks for your body? I haven't. I clean it, clothe it, run it and move on. As long as the parts work, I don't think of giving thanks. But man, when something breaks or wears out, I thank God for what I once had and beg him to give it back.

Today Let's Give Thanks for the Eye

The most amazing description of the eye I've ever read appeared in the book, *In His Image*, by Paul Brand and Philip Yancey. Check out their description of the eye: “The complexity of perceptual cells beggars the imagination. In humans, 127,000,000 cells called rods and cones line up in rows as the ‘seeing’ elements that receive light and transmit messages to the brain.

Rods, slender and graceful tentacles that each reach toward light, outnumber the bulbous cones, 120,000,000 to 7,000,000. These rod cells are so sensitive that the smallest measurable unit of light, one photon, can excite them. Under optimum conditions the human eye can detect a candle at a distance of fifteen miles. Yet with rods alone, we would see only shades of black and gray, and would not get the focal resolution allowed by the more complex cones. Our assortment of rods and cones lets us see objects at the ends of our noses and also stars light-years away.”

Wow

Does that blow you away like it does me. I mean, WOW! This Thanksgiving I'm going to thank God for giving me eyes. Throughout the day I'm going to notice the wonder around me and give thanks for color and texture and movement and faces and forms and food. And I'm going to give thanks for rain that falls and snow that floats. My eyes are a window to the world. And today I thank God for giving me eyes.