



Illuminations

From the desk of

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Where Generosity and Gratitude Meet

*“God is light,
in Him there is
no darkness at all.”*

John 1:5

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.” (Psalm 100:4)



As I write this, we are on track for one of the best years financially that we have ever had at Thy Word Network, and I believe it is due in no small part to the intersection of generosity and gratitude. I recently read a blog by Dave Raley (draley@imago.consulting) that grabbed my attention when he said: **“I believe that gratitude and generosity form a virtuous cycle. Each leads to the other, and they reinforce one another.”**

It is interesting that, calendar-wise we have Thanksgiving (gratitude) followed by Christmas (generosity). For ministries like Thy Word Network, I believe that the focus on being thankful that comes in November just naturally causes our thoughts to respond in gratitude...or it should. Here’s two key thoughts from Dave’s blog:



1. Generosity puts my relationship to possessions in perspective. When I give, it loosens my grip on what I think I own. It reminds me that I don’t ultimately “own” anything in the final sense. That I am not a consumer first and foremost. It helps me to identify as a giver.

2. Gratitude gives me perspective. To me, gratitude is not about my circumstances. Gratitude is about seeing things to be grateful for in my circumstances. Charles Swindoll once said, “Life is 10% what happens to you, and 90% how you react to it.”

As we wind down 2024 and get ready to launch into 2025, my prayer for my own heart, and for yours, is that we will be on the lookout for God’s blessings and then respond in kind.... we are blessed to be a blessing!

Have a blessed New Year!



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2024.....In the rear view mirror

We have had a very busy year at Thy Word Network...here's some highlights:

- Largest Golf Scramble ever with 77 golfers participating
- First TWN Bus trip to Branson to see **Esther** (going again in **2025** to see David) and other shows
- First Radio Boot Camp with 9 students attending
- 3 day Christmas Bus Trip in December to the Creation Museum and the Ark Experience
- 5 different Donor Dinners/Luncheons with 85 listeners at venues around the Tri-State
- The largest Sharathon ever with a final total over \$428,000 and the largest one-day total of over \$200,000 on the final day. God is Good!



We are already planning for even more in 2025...as we say in broadcasting...**Stay Tuned**

On the road.....again

Mark your calendar now for **April 28-May 1** so you won't miss out on our first Thy Word Network road trip in 2025! We're headed back to Branson to see the newest **Sight and Sound Theater** production of **David**, along with 3 other fabulous shows including Smoke on the Mountain. 3 nights lodging, 6 meals and motor-coach transportation are all included in the package price of \$670 (per person/double occupancy). Registration is still open and details are available on line at thyword.org or by calling **800-264-5550**.



Happy Birthday WBGW update

As we write this note, we are only a few thousand dollars short of the money needed to purchase the new antenna monitor for WBGW-AM. We can still add your gift to the total, just mark it for the WBGW Antenna Monitor Project...and thanks to all who have already donated!

Listener Letters

Jasper, IN - Thank you for getting out the truth of the Gospel.

Owensville, IL – Thank you for helping me to stand firm on the truth of God's Word.

Newburgh, IN - Thank you for the ministry! I am blessed everyday with music and teaching.

Washington, IN – I thank you so much for your continued work for Christ's kingdom. I appreciate the wonderful Bible teaching that is shared on your station daily along with the uplifting music.

From You

Newburgh, IN – I am thankful for your radio ministry!

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