

Children usually approach their parents to request something. Less frequently, it is to thank their parents. The same happens in our relationship with God. We normally approach Him with requests rather than to give thanks. But based on the infinite reasons we have to be thankful, prayers of thanksgiving should far outnumber our prayers of petition.

When King David brought the Ark Of The Covenant to Jerusalem for the first time, he appointed some of the Levites “to minister before the Ark of the Lord, to commemorate, to thank, and to praise the Lord God of Israel.” They were a permanent choir of leaders whose assignment was to offer thanks and praise to God. That choir of worship leaders were the forerunners of the choirs we have in our churches today - worship leaders who lead the congregation in songs of praise and thanksgiving.

How often do you dedicate a portion of your prayer life to giving thanks to God for the benefits and blessings of knowing Him? Begin the practice of allocating more time in prayer to giving thanks to God.

1 Chronicles 16:4 “King David appointed some of the Levites to minister before the Ark of the Lord, to commemorate, to thank, and to praise the Lord God of Israel.”