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Hi, I'm Jim Schultz, Pastor of Lighthouse Assembly of God.

Do you know anybody who treats all people with kindness no matter how they treat them? Acts 14:17 says that God shows people kindness by giving us rain, crops, food and He even fills our hearts with joy. We call this "common grace" because it isn't just for a few people, but for everyone.

Now when someone gives you something, do you say "Thank you"? Of course you do because your mama taught you manners. Well, God has done *a lot* of things for us--I mean, providing billions of people with food every time we eat is a lot. Shouldn't we thank Him? If you think so, then you agree that worshipping God is reasonable, because thanking God is a huge part of worship.

Now if you're thinking, "God doesn't give me food. I work, get paid and then go to the store for it"--I see what you mean. But who made the fruits, vegetables and animals to begin with? And who gave you those hands with which you work? Who gave you your talents, which you then developed to the point of earning a living? The answer is "God."

And if we're talking about joy--well, you might think joy comes from what you have done: you married your sweetheart, you had children, you work at something you enjoy and make money, you go out with your friends and enjoy your hobbies. Yet who made you the sort of being that is capable of love and reproduction and friendship and pleasure and work and hobbies? Who made nature so beautiful you want to explore it? Who made your favorite food taste so good to you? Who made us to achieve great things? None other than God our Creator.

Thanking God is just good manners.

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