

## Small Things

This morning I was reading a thought from Dietrich Bonhoeffer: We should give thanks for little things God gives us, rather than waiting for big things.

I looked out the window and noticed gentle rain clouds, freshness of wet grass, sidewalk, street. I thanked God for these "small" things.

I thought of "small" things occurring in the lives of our children and grandchildren, and thanked God. Instead of waiting for resolution, closure of problems.

I felt my inner self happier, lighter.

"We pray for the big things and forget to give thanks for the ordinary, small (and yet really not small) gifts. How can God entrust great things to one who will not thankfully receive from Him the little gifts?"

-- D. Bonhoeffer, *LIFE TOGETHER*



*Coffee/tea thought:* Are there small but wonderful gifts from God I am totally missing because my focus is on having *\_my\_* will happen *\_now\_*?

John

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今天早上我在读朋霍费尔的书：我们应该为神赐下的小事感恩，而不用等候大事。

我望着窗外微微的雨云，湿润的嫩草，小路，街道。我为这些小事感谢神。

我想到我的儿女和孙子孙女生活中的小事，也感谢神。不需要等候问题的最终解决。

我觉得里面更快乐，更亮堂了。

“我们为大事祷告，而忘了为那些平常的小事（其实不是小事）谢恩。神怎么能把大事交给那些不感谢着接受小事的人呢？”——朋霍费尔

随想：我是否错过神许多小却奇妙的恩赐，只因为我一心要自己的愿望马上实现？

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