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Sermon Outline for Taking God's Blessings for Granted

Scripture: James 4:15(KJV) For that ye *ought* to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

Subject: Taking God's Blessings for Granted

Intro: Someone has said that the best things in life are free.
(It's possible that this is what keeps one from recognizing the value thereof)
Thus . . . under appreciated
 . . . undervalued
 . . . taken for granted!

Introductory Examples of things taken for granted:

1. Couples – can take each other for granted when they stop caring about hurting each other's feelings, which can lead to neglect and mistreatment.
2. Clean bill of health - Not exercising. Bad eating habits. Smoking.
3. [Clock - We often take time for granted. That's why we waste it].

Aim: For us not to jump ahead of God.

Definitions:

1. Taken for Granted - To fail to properly appreciate someone or something, (especially as a result of over familiarity).
2. Appreciate -To recognize the full worth of.

Consider:

- I. Oversight
- A. Initially
- B. Plans

- II. Overlook
- A. Interrupted
- B. Present

- III. Omit
- A. Important
- B. Personal

Scriptural References: [Galatians 1:19]; [Galatians 2:9]; Leviticus 19:18; Luke 18:1; Matthew 23:23
Hebrews 1:3; Acts 17:28; [Acts 18:21]; [I Corinthians 4:19]; John 15:5; Matthew 6:31,32; Hebrews 13:5
Romans 8:37; Deuteronomy 28:13,44

Closing Example(s):

1. Judges 16:20
2. Psalm 9:17

Closing Statement: "We cannot afford to take God for Granted!"