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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!"