

# A Tribute to Leaders in the Past and Present

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*We should cultivate a spirit of humble gratitude and honor those who have come before us in faith.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 100:4, Proverbs 3:27, Romans 13:7, Ephesians 1:16, Philippians 1:3, Colossians 3:15, 1 Thessalonians 5:18, 1 Timothy 5:17, Hebrews 13:7, 1 Peter 2:17

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## Description

A.B. Simpson emphasizes the importance of gratitude towards both past and present leaders, highlighting that expressing gratitude is a powerful force for healing and growth within our souls. He encourages us to be generous in our appreciation, suggesting that it is better to mistakenly credit someone than to overlook the contributions of those who deserve recognition. Simpson reflects on the profound debt we owe to the holy men who delivered the Scriptures and the saints who risked their lives to preserve them, urging us to honor their sacrifices and contributions.

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## Transcript

In a very real sense we thank God when we thank His people. Gratitude felt and expressed becomes a healing, life-building force in the soul. Something wonderful happens within us when gratitude enters. We cannot be too grateful, for it would be like loving too much or being too kind. And if we are to make a mistake it had better be on the side of humble gratitude for benefits received. Should we in error give credit to someone who does not deserve it we are far better off than if we fail to give credit to one who does.

To those holy men who gave us the sacred Scriptures we owe a debt we can never hope to pay. We should be glad they were in such a spiritual state that they could hear the Voice at the critical moment when God would use them to transmit His mighty words to mankind.

And to all who in olden times lovingly transcribed the Word, we should be thankful, and to the old saints who at various dangerous times in the past risked their lives to preserve the Holy Scriptures inviolate.

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