

What have you done for me lately?

Recently we were facing some layoffs at work and someone shared a fictitious and humorous story about a boss who informed a very close friend and valued employee that he needed to lay him off. This was in spite of a number of wonderful things the employee had done for the business and even the boss' family. The employee reminded the boss of a long list of things he had done right up to and including donating a kidney for the boss' wife. The boss' final comment was that he appreciated all the things the employee had done, "But what have you done for me lately?" We all laughed at the story but afterwards I reflected on it and realized that sometimes I have that same attitude as that ungrateful boss.

In spite of all the things that God has done for me, I sometimes want more money, more job security, a nicer car and so on. The list of material things that I "want" but don't really "need" seems to constantly grow. Acquiring more things seems to just lead to wanting more things. I seem to almost be asking God, "But what have you done for me lately?"

Then it occurred to me that even if God had not blessed me in these other ways, He has done something that I did not have the power to do for myself. It says in Romans 5:6 "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly."

So the real answer to that question directed to God, "But what have You done for me lately?" can be answered in one word: Jesus.

We were powerless and He was powerful. We were unlovable and He was loving. Oh what a wonderful Heavenly Father. Oh what a Savior.

Prayer: Lord you have done so much for me. Help me to not be like the ungrateful boss and truly appreciate your many blessings in my life, the foremost of which is the wonderful gift of your Son, Jesus.

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