

## THANKSGIVING

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The brethren at Ephesus were told by Paul to "Give thanks always in all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 5:20). Paul said, "In everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God." We are to give thanks in everything — in life, in death, in prosperity, in poverty, in times of peace, in times of war, in sickness, and in health. We should never be without thanksgiving. Jacob had his problems but he said, "I am not worthy of the least of all mercies" (Gen. 32:10). Samuel took a stone and set it up at Mizpeh and called it "Ebenezer" saying, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped me" (1 Sam. 7:12). Daniel prayed each day as was his custom "And fell on his face, and gave thanks unto his God" (Dan. 6:10). Jesus healed the ten lepers but only one "gave thanks" to Jesus (Luke 17:15-17). When He faced the cross, Jesus gave thanks (Matt. 11:25). John, in the book of Revelation, tells us that the heavenly host gave thanks to God. They cried out, "Blessings, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever" (Rev. 7:12). "Count your many blessings, name them one by one, it will surprise you what the Lord has done."

- Beacon, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL -

When I'm worried and I can't sleep  
I count my blessings instead of sheep  
And I fall asleep counting my blessings.  
When my bankroll is getting small  
I think of when I had none at all  
And I fall asleep counting my blessings ...  
- Irving Berlin from "White Christmas" -



Thank God for what you have; trust Him for what you need.

## Some Things to Remember at Thanksgiving

A great deal has been written about the virtue of forgetting old grudges, prejudices, unpleasant experiences, and heartaches. We also need to be reminded of some of the blessings of remembering. Remembering can be good spiritual exercise. At Thanksgiving we need to:

- Remember our sins that we might confess them to God.
- Remember our weaknesses that we may receive strength.
- Remember God's mercies that we might be merciful to others.
- Remember God's greatness that we might share our prosperity.
- Remember God's forgiveness that we might serve the needs of others.
- Remember Jesus Christ that we might grow to be more like Him.

- Share Sheets, Toole, UT (Bulletin Digest) -

## The Day After Thanksgiving

*When Thanksgiving Day is over*

*Do we give up giving thanks?*

*Forget what God has done for us*

*And rejoin the worldly ranks?*

*Is Thanksgiving just a holiday?*

*No work and too much food,*

*Which helps to change our waistline*

*But not our attitude?*

*Or does it serve its purpose*

*To remind us of what God's done;*

*How He gave us life and substance;*

*How He gave us His own Son?*

- John E. Anderson, via *The Beacon of Light* -

## News & Notes

**CELL PHONE NUMBER:** For **David McCoy**, 865-356-4733.

**WV CHRISTIAN:** New or renewal subscriptions are being accepted until **Sunday, Nov. 26th. \$8.00 for 12 issues** (group rate). Sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer. Make check out to the church or give the money to one of the Elders or Rico.

**PANTRY:** Bread Stuffing.

**BIRTHING KITS:** Monetary donations are being accepted to purchase items to make the Malawi Project Birthing Kits. If you would like to donate, cash or checks made out to the church, please give to MaClay Toomey.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: City Hospital - ICU:** Linda Parkes. **Trinity West, Steubenville - ICU:** Dean Spencer. **At Home:** Linda Lemasters (wife of Larry Lemasters - McKinneyville), Melissa Rosohac, Peggy Linger, Nancy Cox, Blondenia Orr, Barbara DeLong, David Strum, Cheryl Renfro Walker. **Fox - Chester:** Mary Johnson (Lois Hissom's sister). **In Ohio:** Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Drive, Lisbon, OH 44432.

## READING BIBLES ONLY ON THE EDGES

Bible reading, though discouraged by some, is a wonderful privilege as well as an essential for Christian living (Acts 17:11). Being greater than any product of purely human genius, the Bible cannot but be a benefit to man.

In studying the Scriptures man receives lasting blessings:

1. **Strength.** Who doesn't need greater strength for the heavy loads of life? Proverbs 24:5 says "a man of knowledge increaseth strength."
2. **Happiness.** The common objective of human beings is to be happy. The Bible must be central in the search for happiness for success to be realized. Psalm 1:1, 2 says the blessed (happy) man has "his delight in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."
3. **The approval of God.** (2 Timothy 2:15). No greater goal in life is there than to seek God's favor.

Patrick Henry, near death, said "Here is a book, the Bible, worth more than all others that were ever printed; yet it is my misfortune never to have found time to read it."

Reader apply yourself to the Scriptures and then apply the Scriptures to your life (Galatians 3:26, 27).

- Bill Dillon, *Gospel Gems*, Vol 1, *Bulletin Digest.com* -

## Christians Rejoice!

Rejoice ...  
that Jesus died for you,  
that He was buried for you,  
that He was raised for you,  
that He is coming back again one day for you,  
that He will give you a new body, and  
that you will get to live with Him forever and ever.  
- Phil Sanders -