



We are some of the most blessed people upon this earth. We have blessings that some will never see. We have treasures that some could only wish for. We have a life that is blessed beyond measure. Here are five things that I believe are the greatest things that we could ever possess.

SALVATION:

It is the greatest gift man could ever receive upon the earth!

PRAYER:

It is the greatest avenue of communication man could ever use upon the earth!

HEALTH:

It is the greatest part of life man could ever hope to possess upon the earth!

FELLOWSHIP:

It is the greatest part of life man could ever enjoy with man upon the earth!

OPPORTUNITY:

It is the greatest time that man has been given to be able to respond to God! No Matter What!

- Jonathan Burns,
from "Things We Can All Be Thankful For!"
East Hill News,
East Hills Church of Christ, Pulaski, TN -

ALL ABOUT GRATITUDE

For centuries, people in many countries have held harvest festivals to celebrate the bounty of the land and the blessings of life. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln established a national holiday in the United States as "a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father."

Washington Post columnist Richard Cohen thinks that most holidays have been corrupted by commercialism, while Thanksgiving Day has retained its intended purpose. He said, "This is a very rare day. It is wholly and entirely about gratitude." *

No matter what others do, we as followers of Christ have the privilege and responsibility to extend the spirit of thankfulness to every day of the year. Paul urged the Colossians to keep growing in Christ while overflowing with thankfulness (Col. 2:6-7). We are to do everything "in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (3:17).

Abraham Lincoln's proclamation also declared that all our blessings "are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy."

Thanksgiving is a fitting day to express gratitude to God. And so is every other day.

- David McCasland,
**Our Daily Bread*, Nov. 2006 [adapted] -

THREE KINDS OF GIVING

There are three kinds of giving: *grudge giving*, *duty giving*, and *thanksgiving*. *Grudge giving* says, 'I have to'; *duty giving* says, 'I ought to'; and *thanksgiving* says, 'I want to'. The latter comes from a full heart. Thanksgiving is an open gate into the love of God.

- Robert N. Rodenmayer, *The Encourager*, Southside Church of Christ, Killeen, TX -

Life is short. Eternity IS NOT!

News & Notes

CONFESSIONS & REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Tracy Clutter.

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 401.

LADIES MEETING: This evening after services in the basement to discuss plans for a ladies work day Dec. 15th to assemble baskets for our shut-ins.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Canceled for this Tuesday. Resumes next Tuesday, Nov. 27th at 9:00 a.m.

MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for 1 hour. Men, come fellowship and study together with other men of the church.

MEMBER VISITS: Elders and Minister visits with members can be scheduled in your home or to meet here at the building by signing the sheet on the desk. If you have not made arrangements for this visit, please do so for this work to be completed before year's end.

PANTRY: Canned fruit.

SEND CARDS:

Alex Harless, 1322 North 4th Street, Toronto, OH 43964.

Bob & Patty Eddy (Bob is undergoing cancer treatments and Patty is recovering from an auto accident & broken hip). Their address: 4898 Oroszy Ave., Lorain, OH 44052.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Weirton Medical Center: Ray McCullough (Room 816). **At Home:** David McCoy, Nancy Hadley, Charlie Delong, Jenny Rhodes, Arlen & Joann Webb, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. **FOX NURSING HOME:** Mary Jane Bowers (Room 19). **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

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 Beam of Light* -