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Gratefulness



*Thank You, Lord, for blessing me
With friends, and home, and family;
Thank You for the birds that sing,
For flowers and streams and everything.
Thank You for the sunshine bright
And Your Word that gives us light.
Thank You for the strength You give,
To serve You, and for You to live.
Help me, Lord, to always be
Grateful, and to always see
That I owe my all to you –
My loyalty, my service true,
My life, my love, my gratitude,
And a Christlike attitude.
For verily my soul You sought,
And with a price I am bought;
So to You will I ever offer
Thanks, and I will gladly proffer
My humblest gratitude and praise
Ever now, and all my days.*



Letter from



the Editor

Greetings in the name of our King and welcome to the 15th issue of *All Glorious Within!* A special welcome to all the new subscribers; may you be blessed as you join us in our desire to be all glorious within and live as Princesses of our Heavenly King.

This issue was actually a difficult one to put together; as you can see by how few pages this issue has, there wasn't really much content on the theme. Does this perhaps reflect how little value we as Christians and as a society generally place on gratefulness and its related traits? Yet God wants us to be a thankful people, abounding in gratefulness in our hearts toward Him and others.

You will notice that we also included the theme of *thankfulness* in this issue. It was so closely intertwined with gratefulness that we decided to combine all three themes.

Lord willing, **our next issue's theme is *Trials, Affliction*. What is the purpose of affliction? Why does God allow trials in our lives? How can we allow Him to refine us through them?**

Do you have a personal testimony in this area, of a trial you went through and what you learned through it? Do you have a favorite poem, verse, song, or article on this theme? Please consider submitting for the next issue. ☺

~ Karissa

A photograph of a wooden bridge with blue railings crossing a small stream in a lush, green forest. The bridge is made of light-colored wood and is surrounded by dense foliage and trees. The scene is peaceful and natural.

*Thou wilt shew me the
path of life: in Thy
presence is fulness of joy: at
Thy right hand there are
pleasures for evermore.
Psalm 16: 11*

Thanksgiving

A Poem



Thanks

A Poem

Perhaps we have not counted
Our blessings one by one;
Perhaps we have not bothered
Rememb'ring whence they come;
And maybe we have taken
For granted all the things
The good Lord has created,
And by His hand He brings.

The autumn hills all glorious,
A golden field of grain,
A sunset's dazzling splendor,
The Milky Way's great plain,
The starry sky's sublimity,
The ocean's mighty power,
The wonder of creation in
The petal of a flower.

If we've failed to clearly show
By word or act or deed
A thankful heart unto Him
Who fills our daily need,
May we show our gratitude
Today – and count the sum
Of all the blessings that we have
And name them one by one. ☺

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Did I forget to thank Thee, Lord,
For things that may seem small:
A flower by the wayside path,
A wild bird's lone call,
For all the daily happenings
That we call commonplace,
For sunrise and for sunset glow,
My neighbor's smiling face?

Since life is made of little things,
Oh, let me not forget
To count my smallest blessings all
Before the sun is set.
I thank Thee, Lord, for every one
Who adds a note of cheer,
And for the blessings multiplied
To me from year to year. ☺



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*"In every thing give
thanks: for this is the will of
God in Christ Jesus
concerning you."*

~ I Thessalonians 5:18 ~



Thanks!



Bethany Tiss

This article first appeared in another magazine (The King's Daughter), obviously during the Thanksgiving season! © But much of the article is nonetheless applicable to us young ladies today.



Tonight as I was rinsing the dishes, the Lord brought a verse to my mind. "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name." – *Psalm 100:4.*

With the Thanksgiving season approaching, I thought it would be a perfect time to express my gratefulness to the Lord and bless His most wonderful Name. Here are just a few "gifts" (all are from Jesus Christ!) I came up with, and I invite you to share with me in thanksgiving to Him!

JESUS! God sending His only Son to die on the cross for your and my sin is indescribable – our finite minds can't even begin to comprehend that thought! He is the most wonderful Gift we could ever imagine! He came to earth in "... the form of a bondservant . . . He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross." – *Philippians 2:7-8.* Thank you, Lord, for who You are, and for saving me – an unworthy, sinful person, saved by grace. (See *Ephesians 2:8-9.*)

God's Word is a "lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (*Psalm 119:105*) The Bible is God's very own Word to us – His "manual" for the Christian walk, a blessed gift which too often I take for granted. Think about those who have no Bible, those who live in spiritually dark countries! We are certainly blessed, and should cherish and treasure the Word of God. Thank you, Lord, for Your Word. Help me to "delight . . . in the law of the Lord" and meditate on it "day and night." – *Psalm 1:2.*

Family is an incredible gift! Think how lonely we would be without family – friends may come and go, but our family will probably be almost always there for us! They are the ones with whom we laugh and cry, and share good times and bad. Those of us who live in Christian families with Godly parents who guide us on the "straight and narrow" path are so fortunate, and we need to thank God for where He has placed us! Thank you, Lord, for the family You have given to me. Help me to "... look out not only for [my] own interests, but also for the interests of [my family]." – *Philippians 2:4.*

Church and friends – whether you attend a large congregation, or meet with a small group of believers gathered in a home, or maybe you're "on the search" (my family has been there – we can relate!)

– whatever your situation, thank the Lord for Christian friends! God has provided these brothers and sisters in Christ to encourage. We can “rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.” – *Romans 12:15*. Thank you, Lord, for the fellow believers and friends you have placed in my path – at church, in my neighborhood, pen-friends, and so on. Help me to be an encouragement, and “as iron sharpens iron, . . . [sharpen] the countenance of [my] friend.” – *Proverbs 27:17*.

Have you ever stopped to thank God for **plants and animals**? God is so creative! Who would have ever thought to create plants to provide oxygen for humans? Only God, of course! Animals are spectacular to watch – have you ever been to Marine World, Sea World, or some place like that? What are some of the most interesting and amusing animals to watch? I, for one, love to see the dolphins, whales, and sea otters – they provide much enjoyment for their spectators! Although I’ll be the first to admit I don’t know why, I’m sure God has a specific reason and a purpose for creating snakes, big ugly spiders, and so on ☺! Thank you, Lord, for these amazing creatures you have provided for us, for plants which give us air to breathe. You are awesome in Your creative works!

Martin Luther once said, “**Music** is one of the fairest and most glorious gifts of God.” I wholeheartedly agree! Listening to a timeless hymn or a classical tune is inspiring! If I play a fast-paced, rousing CD while I’m working, it motivates me to work faster! (Scrub harder, stuff envelopes with alarming speed, type

faster, etc. etc. ☺) I thank the Lord for allowing me to play the flute and piano, and I pray that when people hear my music, they will be drawn to the Lord! “Make a joyful shout to the Lord . . . !” – *Psalms 100:1*. I think the word “shout” would include singing ☺. Some are gifted with beautiful voices, while others may not be so talented in that area (that falls in my caliber!). Yet God doesn’t say we need to have perfect voices in order to praise Him! He accepts all kinds – from the toddler shouting “Jesus Loves Me” off-key, to strong voices singing praises to Him. Thank you, Lord, for the gift of Godly music. Help us to always listen, play, and sing to Your glory!

James 1:17 tells us that “every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father. . . .” I have mentioned above some more prominent blessings God has given us; but we also need to take time to thank God for the little things! “In **everything** give thanks . . .” (1 Thessalonians 5:18; emphasis added).

I have to say, The King’s Daughter and other Godly **ministries** have helped me tremendously as I seek to walk the straight and narrow path. Thank you, Lord, for these Godly young ladies and women who have written uplifting and edifying words to encourage me and other girls.

Philippians 1:10 is very clear: we are to “approve the things that are excellent.” I believe an application of that is to read **books** that are edifying and that encourage us in our walk with the Lord. Thank you, Lord, for the spiritually uplifting books You have provided – they are truly a blessing.

Health is one of the greatest gifts in life that we take for granted way too often! Usually when we're sick or have a cold, we realize how great a blessing good health is ☺! God has given us bodies with which to glorify, honor, and serve Him. Do you know someone who is sick or needs cheering up? "Pleasant words are like . . . health to the bones" and "A merry heart does good, like medicine . . ." – *Proverbs 16:24 and 17:22*. Thank you, Lord, for the gift of health. Help us to not take it for granted, but to serve You with the bodies You've given us.

I hardly ever stop to thank the Lord for providing me and my family with **food, clothing, and shelter**. The good news is we don't have to ". . . worry about [our lives], what [we] will eat or what [we] will drink; nor about [our bodies], what [we] will put on. . . ." – *Matthew 6:25*. What a comfort to know that ". . . your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him." – *Matthew 6:8*. Thank you, Lord, for caring about us. It is wonderful to know that You care about us and will always provide for us.

I pray that as you celebrate this Thanksgiving season, you will "enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name." God bless you! ☺



Thoughts by Lisa Bode

“. . . God has a perfect goal in mind for each of us, and He wanted to perfect me by taking me through suffering. *“till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”*. – Ephesians 4:13.

“When I began to grasp what His eternal purpose was, I realized how much I had missed by having the wrong attitude. I realized that God loves me so much that He puts every person and every circumstance in my life for a good purpose. When I accept all that He gives me, I grow.

“As I began to accept the suffering and focus on the character that God wanted me to learn, I grew an amazing amount. I learned to be grateful for all that God had given and to yield my desires to Him, knowing that His desires were better because He is far wiser. Even when I could not foresee the outcome of some of the difficult situations I faced after our move, I started to thank God for them, because I knew He had an ultimate purpose of teaching me contentment. *“Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.”* – Hebrews 13:15.” ☺



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From the King's Daughter Bible study.



Praise to God, Immortal Praise

Anna L. Barbauld



My Maker and My King

Anne Steele

Praise to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days;
Bounteous Source of every joy,
Let Thy praise our tongues employ.

Flocks that whiten all the plain;
Yellow sheaves of ripened grain;
Clouds that drop their fattening dews,
Suns that temperate warmth diffuse.

All that spring with bounteous hand
Scatters o'er the smiling land;
All that liberal autumn pours
From her rich o'erflowing stores.

These to Thee, my God, we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow;
And for these my soul shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

Yet, should rising whirlwinds tear
From its stem the ripening ear;
Should the fig tree's blasted shoot
Drop her green untimely fruit,

Should the vine put forth no more,
Nor the olive yield her store;
Though the sickening flocks should fall,
And the herds desert the stall,

Yet to Thee my soul shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise;
And, when every blessing's flown
Love Thee for Thyself alone. ☺

My Maker and my King,
To Thee my all I owe;
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring
Whence all my blessings flow.

The creature of Thy hand,
On Thee alone I live;
My God, Thy benefits demand
More praise than I can give.

Lord, what can I impart
When all is Thine before?
Thy love demands a thankful heart;
The gift, alas! how poor.

O! let Thy grace inspire
My soul with strength divine;
Let every word and each desire
And all my days be Thine. ☺



~ Gratefulness ~

is not dependent upon our circumstances. We may ever be thankful to God even in the midst of the greatest difficulties and trials, knowing that He does all things well and has a purpose in everything. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." Rom. 8:28



Appreciating Our Mothers



Lisa Bode

Not only does this article fit with one of this issue's themes, Appreciation, but also this issue will be published around Mother's Day, so we decided to include it. ©



I did not realize how much I appreciated my mother until I was away from home for five weeks, the first time I'd been away from her for that long. Only then did I comprehend all my mom really did, all she tried to do, how much I truly did appreciate her – but unfortunately, how infrequently I had showed my appreciation.

Our moms do such an incomprehensible amount for us. Starting when we are very young, they care for us constantly and dream of what we'll be when we grow up. Then we start growing up and conflicts begin as we realize that our mothers are not perfect and forget that it is usually our own faults that cause our sad disagreements. Eventually we may begin to misunderstand or ignore her, and what should be one of the most special relationships in our lives is instead the cause of worries and conflicts and tears and headaches.

Only in the last year or two have I begun to enjoy a close relationship with my mom and to realize how much our moms do for us and how much we need to appreciate them – and *sincerely* show our appreciation.

As I fried sausage in the kitchen about

half an hour ago, I thought as I worked that I'd come up with fifteen ways for us to show appreciation to our mothers. That list quickly extended to twenty. I'd encourage you to start doing each of these twenty things – make each one a habit. If you have a wonderful relationship with your mother, keep it up by doing these things. And if your relationship with your mom is in shambles, start doing these things and you'll be surprised at the changes. These are in no particular order – just read them and start doing!

1. Give up all your expectations for what your mom should be or do.

The reason many of us do not show gratefulness is that we expect so much. We expect things like the following: a mother who understands us, three good meals a day, clean clothes in the closet, a shoulder to cry on, ten compliments for every criticism, etc., etc., etc., and when we don't get these things, we cry and complain – when we do get them, we accept them in silence. Give all your expectations to God so that you do not expect anything of your mother, and then let her surprise you with

what she does give! I did do this one first on purpose ☺ as it is the key to showing appreciation. Start here.

2. Give her a hug at least once a day.

3. Say thank you for food. Every time your mother cooks you a meal, fixes you a snack, or just does the littlest thing, say thank you! Two little words, but make them a habit and they will communicate a lot.

4. Remember her birthday . . . Mother's Day . . . etc. Give her a little gift or at least a card or a phone call.

5. Praise her character. Whenever you notice good qualities your mother shows – and as you look for them, you'll realize she has them in abundance – then praise it! Either just tell her – "You show a lot of meekness. You're a good example to me." – or write her a little note.

6. Set aside special times to enjoy her company. It's so easy to "not have time" for the most important thing we should be doing – investing in people's lives. If you see your mom sitting alone at the table, or if you're in the waiting room together before a doctor's appointment, or if the two of you are riding in the car, take

advantage of that time to see how she's doing and build your relationship.

7. Write little notes of appreciation for her. If it's been awhile since you've written a note to your mother, write one! Leave it on her desk, on her pillow, or someplace where she'll find it. Just remind her how special she is.

8. Ask her opinion. When it comes to little decisions such as what to wear, how to have your hair, what color looks best on you, ask your mom's opinion! Ask for it before she can give it unasked ☺. This way she'll know you value her advice and admire her taste.

9. Talk to her. Enjoy talking to your mother just like you enjoy talking to a friend. It's amazing how you can live in the same house as someone and yet go days without saying much more than "pass the butter." Talk!

10. Share her goals regarding little brothers or sisters. Talk to her about concerns she may have for your little brothers and sisters and work with her to be a positive influence in their lives. Become like a team working together – whether it's to teach your little sister how to cook, to get your two-year-

old brother to stop sucking his thumb, whatever!

11. Remember to complete given assignments. It causes such a problem when our moms need to remind us of things again and again. Make sure you remember! Whether it's something she always wants you to do, like making your bed, or a one-time job, such as putting the laundry in the dryer while she's out shopping, remember it. Be reliable.

12. Do more than is required. Each of us probably have our own assigned work to do around the house. Do this work cheerfully and with a good attitude, but whenever you have opportunity, go beyond. If you see a spill on the counter, clean it up, whether it's your job or not. These little things can make your mom's day!

13. Show your mom that you appreciate home. Our moms work hard to make our homes an atmosphere of love and peace. And if you do not appreciate your home, you have a problem! I began to appreciate my home much more after I realized what unfortunate home situations so many in our world have. Praise your mom for the little things she does – hanging up a decoration here and there, turning

on some background music, etc. Let her know you notice.

14. Never leave unresolved conflicts for the next day. Keep your relationship with your mom close by following a simple rule: do not go to bed at night if you are upset with your mom. First get it resolved. Do not go to bed at night if your mom is upset with you. Figure out what you did and ask her forgiveness. Otherwise you wake up in the morning with a strained relationship and it worsens until someone makes the effort to make it right.

15. Be the first one to suggest she take time off. Our moms can work and work and work and never take time off. So make those needed suggestions to encourage your mom to take a little rest, to go out with your dad for an evening, to have lunch with her friend, to put her feet up.

16. Say "I love you!" Three important words. When's the last time you said them to your mom?

17. Evaluate your past actions toward your mother and ask forgiveness for every offense. So many of us have hurt our moms so much more than we realize by wrong words, actions, or attitudes we dis-

played years ago. Most likely our moms have forgiven us, but they do still remember, and it brings them such joy and gives such healing to our relationships if we ask their forgiveness. Think back to ways you offended her even years ago and then humble yourself to ask her forgiveness.

18. Do special little things that she loves. Fix her favorite kind of coffee. Rub her back. Clean her kitchen sink. You know those specific little things that mean so much to your mom – do them!

19. Avoid those little things that irritate her. Every mom has special pet peeves that we probably do not understand! Does your mom just detest T-shirts? You may not understand why, but don't wear them! Or is it *extremely* important to her that you know how to knit? Learn to knit, whether you view it as a necessity or not. You may not understand why seemingly little things are big things to her, but honor her and put her tastes first.

20. Finally, praise her to others. Let others know you think you have a wonderful mom. Tell your brothers and sisters, tell your friends, tell your relatives, tell everyone how great you think she is!

This Mother's Day and this whole year look for ways to show appreciation to your mom. Stop wishing that she was more, or different, or like your friend's mom, as is so often a temptation, and start being thankful for what she is. Give up all your expectations and ask the Lord to give you a new perspective of gratefulness for all that your mom does. ☺



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Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion.

To us there is but one God, the Father, of Whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom are all things, and we by Him.—All men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent Him.—By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.—Whoso offereth praise glorifyeth Me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God.

I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.



PSA. 65:1; I Cor. 8:6 – Jn. 5:23 – Heb. 13:15 – Ps. 50:23; Rev. 7:9-10,12.

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Themed
Scriptures



See page 16 for a
"GRATEFULNESS"
acronym with
corresponding Scriptures.

The Greek words for the New Testament Scriptures here carry the meanings of gratitude, grateful, gratefulness.



"That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Thy wondrous works." *Psalm 26:7*

"Offer unto God thanksgiving . . ." *Psalm 50:14*

"I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving." *Psalm 69:30*

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving . . . be thankful unto Him, and bless His name." *Psalm 100:4*

"I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving . . ." *Psalm 116:17*

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." *I Corinthians 15:57*

"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ . . ." *II Corinthians 2:14*

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." *II Corinthians 9:15*

"Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks." *Ephesians 5:4*

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." *Ephesians 5:20*

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." *Philippians 4:6*

"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing . . . giving thanks unto the Father . . ." *Colossians 1:10,12*

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him: rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." *Colossians 2:6-7*

". . . and be ye thankful." *Colossians 3:15*

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." *Colossians 3:17*

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving." *Colossians 4:2*

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." *I Thessalonians 5:18*

". . . Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen." *Revelation 7:12* ☺



This is just a portion of the verses that speak of thankful-ness/gratefulness. For example, Paul uses over and over the phrases, "I thank my God," "We give thanks to God," "Thanks be to God," and related phrases. Thankfulness, gratitude, and praise are themes found often in Scripture.



Excerpts on
Gratefulness



From a
Homeschool Group

Our homeschool group recently had a unit study on the human body: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made (Ps. 139:14). Pages 15-16 contains excerpts of what one of the groups put together on the theme of gratefulness. Their corresponding study was the mouth etc. as you will be able to tell. "With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 89:1



These acrymons on how to show gratefulness were created by some of the children. They may be from the pen of a child but they are quite applicable to us as well.



Great happiness results from gratefulness.

Rejoice for others' gains.

Always wear a smile.

Thank God for the day.

Erase your frown!

Find something to be thankful for.

Unselfishness.

Let others use your stuff.

NO grumbling.

Envoy not others.

Sing praises to God.

Submit unto God.



Grateful in everything

Rejoicing in the Lord

Always smile at others

Thank-you notes

Every time be cheerful

Face the day with a smile

Under every circumstance

give thanks

Let go of your bad attitude

Never pout

Every good and perfect gift is from above

Submit to God

Sing praises to God all the day



○ *Example of gratefulness in Scripture: Luke 17:11-19 (The One Grateful Leper).*

○ *Gratefulness shows a humble spirit, and ungratefulness is actually pride.*



The poem on the following page uses the chickadee as an example of gratefulness. The children learned that chickadees sing even in adverse conditions – storms, snow, cold – which serves as a lesson for us to be grateful even in the adverse circumstances in our lives. Are you thankful in all things, even when things aren't going so well?





Chickadee

by Leah Weiss, age 9

Be grateful as a chickadee:
He's an example for you and me.
For did you ever see
A fussy little chickadee?

For his Father up above
Watches over him in love.
But He cares for you and me,
More than for a chickadee.



He won't even in a storm,
Fret because it's cold, not warm.
For his gracious God above
Watches over him in love.

What a dear, cute chickadee,
How can I like him be?
How can I show my gratefulness
Till I reach heaven's bliss?

I can show my gratefulness
By giving God much praise.
I can show my gratefulness
By smiling all the ways. ©

Giving thanks always for all things unto God . . . *Eph. 5:20*

Rejoice in the Lord always. *Phil. 4:4*

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. *Rom. 8:28*

To the end that my glory may sing praise to Thee, and not be silent . . . I will give thanks unto Thee for ever. *Ps. 30:12*

Every good and perfect gift is from above . . . *James 1:17*

For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth . . . all things were created by Him, and for Him. *Col. 1:16*

Unless the LORD had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence. *Ps. 94:17*

Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me, for Thou art the God of my salvation; on Thee do I wait all the day. *Ps. 25:5*

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake. *Ps. 115:1*

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. *II Cor. 9:7*

Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness. *Ps. 30:4*

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. *Ps. 23:6* ©

Count Your Blessings

Johnson Calman, Jr.



Make His Praise Glorious

A Devotional

When upon life's billows
You are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged,
Thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings,
Name them one by one,
And it will surprise you
What the Lord has done.

Are you ever burdened
With a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy
You are called to bear?
Count your many blessings,
Ev'ry doubt will fly,
And you will be singing
As the days go by.

So, amid the conflict,
Whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged,
God is over all;
Count your many blessings,
Angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you
To your journey's end.

*Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God has done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings,
See what God has done. ☺*



Make His praise glorious.

This people have I formed for Myself; they shall show forth My praise.—I will cleanse them from all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against Me. And it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise and an honor before all the nations of the earth.—By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.

I will praise Thee, O LORD my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify Thy name for evermore. For great is Thy mercy toward me: and Thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.—Who is like unto Thee, O LORD . . . glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?—I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving.—They sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are Thy works, LORD God Almighty. ☺



*PSA. 66:2; Isa. 43:21 – Jer. 33:8-9 – Heb. 13:15;
Ps. 86:12-13 – Ex. 15:11 – Ps. 69:30 – Rev. 15:3
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A Grateful Spirit



Thoughts by
Lisa Bode

A grateful spirit is revealed by a happy nature and spoken expressions of gratefulness. A grateful spirit is highly valued by those in authority. An unhappy and ungrateful girl is like a public rebuke to her authorities.

The key to having a grateful spirit is to yield our expectations to the Lord. Then we can be genuinely excited and grateful for any good that our authorities do, rather than having such high expectations that they are sure to fail in some area.

○ What was the most recent occasion in which you expressed gratefulness to your authorities for something that they did for you?

○ If someone were to ask your parents whether or not you are a grateful daughter, what do you think your parents would answer?

○ Take a moment to think of a Bible man or woman who showed a grateful spirit. *Person:* _____ *How this person showed a grateful spirit:* _____

○ In what practical ways can you demonstrate a **grateful spirit** toward your authorities? ☺

“As I yielded all my rights, one by one, to God, I experienced a new freedom in my daily life. I yielded the right to be on schedule. I yielded the right to spend my time the way I wanted to. I yielded the right to follow my daily plan.

“. . . I now experience a whole new thankfulness to God for whatever He enables me to do. Working for Him is no longer a necessary chore, but a benefit that gives me great excitement. Whenever I have uninterrupted time or have effectively accomplished a day's work, I try to thank Him for it. It took me a little while, though, to learn to thank Him for interruptions!

“But I learned that interruptions and times of waiting are only His adjustments to my schedule, and that I need to be flexible and grateful when they come. *“Direct my steps by Your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.”* – Psalm 119:133.” ☺

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“Giving thanks always for all things . . . in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

~ Ephesians 5:20 ~

Hymn of Grateful Praise

Folliott F. Pierpoint



Show Forth His Praises

A Devotional

*F*or the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon, and stars of light:
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

For Thyself, best Gift Divine!
To our race so freely giv'n;
For that great, great love of Thine,
Peace on earth, and joy in heav'n:
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise. ☺*



~ Gratefulness ~



Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me.

*L*et the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.—Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Ye are a . . . royal priesthood, . . . that ye should show forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light. —Ye . . . as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.—By Him . . . let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.

My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together. ☺



*PSA, 50:23; Col. 3:16-17 – I Cor. 6:20;
I Pet. 2:9 – I Pet. 2:5 – Heb. 13:15; Ps. 34:2-3*

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