

THANKSGIVING 2020 <u>1 Thess. 5:18</u>

<u>1 Thess. 5:18</u> In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

The year 2020 is one that we will probably never forget! In the midst of the challenges this year, God has not ceased to take care of His children. We have much for which to be thankful.

Please Remember:

- Your job is the dream of the unemployed;
- Your house is the dream of the homeless;
- Your smile is the dream of the depressed;
- Your health is the dream of those who are sick.

Don't let your difficult times make you forget your blessings.

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I. <u>LET'S BE THANKFUL FOR FAITH</u>

<u>Acts 16:5</u> And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

<u>Col 2:7</u> Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

<u>Jude 1:3</u> Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that **ye should earnestly contend for the faith** which was once delivered unto the saints.

II. <u>LET'S BE THANKFUL FOR FREEDOM</u>

<u>Jhn 8:32</u> And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. ... <u>36</u> If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Gal. 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

<u>1 Cor. 8:9</u> But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.

<u>2 Cor. 3:17</u> Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.

<u>Gal. 5:13</u> For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Jas. 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

III. <u>LET'S BE THANKFUL FOR FAMILY</u>

<u>Deut. 6:6</u> And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

<u>7</u> And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Josh. 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

<u>1 Tim. 5:8</u> But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

<u>Psa. 127:3</u> Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

<u>4</u> As arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth.

<u>5</u> Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

IV. <u>LET'S BE THANKFUL FOR FRIENDS</u>

Prov. 17:17 A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

<u>Prov. 18:24</u> A man *that hath* friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend *that* sticketh closer than a brother.

<u>Prov. 27:6</u> Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful. ... <u>9</u> Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so *doth* the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel. ...

<u>17</u> Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

Jas. 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

V. <u>LET'S BE THANKFUL FOR FINANCES</u>

Deut. 8:17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of *mine* hand hath gotten me this wealth. 18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.

Eccl. 5:19 Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this *is* the gift of God.

VI. <u>LET'S BE THANKFUL FOR FITNESS</u>

<u>Isa. 58:8</u> Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rereward.

<u>Jer. 30:17</u> For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, *saying*, This *is* Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

<u>3 Jn. 1:2</u> Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

VII. <u>LET'S BE THANKFUL FOR THE FUTURE</u>

<u>Heb. 13:5</u> *Let your* conversation *be* without covetousness; *and be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

<u>Conclusion</u>

Deut. 10:12 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

<u>Micah 6:8</u> He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

<u>1 Cor. 4:2</u> Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

