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The Events



LISTING OUR BLESSINGS

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

November is a dreary month with gray clouds, cold rain, bare trees, and winds whispering through dry corn stalks, creating in most of us, a vague sense of foreboding. But like most dire circumstances in which we find ourselves, there is a bright spot, *Thanksgiving Day*, ordained by our forefathers as a day of family feasting and giving thanks for our many blessings.



Some of us, at this stage of the game, may be convinced that we have nothing for which to give thanks. But a little honest soul searching will prove us wrong. A few days ago, I sat down and tried making a list of my God given blessings, starting with the breath of life, it went like this. Even though I don't always use my eyes to see the beauty around me, thank you for the gift of sight; there are many who are blind. And even though I fail to listen when I should, and often miss the sound of your voice through others, thank you, Lord, for the gift of hearing; there are many who are deaf. Even though I speak uncharitably, grumbling and griping about what is wrong with the world instead of praising you for your goodness, thank you for the gift of speech; there are many who are mute. Even though I clutch my blankets and rise reluctantly to face the day, thank you, Lord, that I can move; there are many who are paralyzed. Even though I am growing older and my children have long since gone their separate ways, thank you, Lord, for my wife and children; there are many who have neither. Even though I must watch my diet and the foods I relish most, are forbidden, thank you, Lord, that I am well nourished; there are many who are starving. Even though I don't take the time to visit as I should, thank you, Lord, for good neighbors; there are many who are exiled from their homeland. And Lord, even though I criticize the government, bemoan the high cost of living and blast forth at public officials, thank you, Lord, that I live in the greatest country on earth, where free speech is not punishable by imprisonment. And even though I seldom mention it, thank you most of all, Lord, for the gift of faith, without which my life would have not meaning.

That's my list. How about yours? I still believe that God's giving deserves our thanks.

THINK ABOUT IT!!!!



A LIGHT IN THE STABLE

John 12: 46 “I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.”

For more than 400 years the heavens had been sealed, and no new revelation had come to brighten the landscape of man’s sinful night. Then, suddenly the silence was broken. The excellent glory was revealed. And Jesus Christ stepped down from the ivory palaces of eternity into the “evil smelling stable” of the world.



In self-sacrificing love He came to bring grace and forgiveness to sinful mankind. You would think that the world would have rejoiced and eagerly received the Savior. Instead, they clung to the darkness of their own depravity and with wicked hands soon proceeded to crucify the Prince of Life. No wonder we read, “This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.” (John 3: 19)

Although others such as John the Baptist were designated as luminaries or “lamps”, Christ was the only real radiance. Therefore, He alone is called the “true Light”! He embodied the essence of God’s glory, while the others were only “light bearers”. They had no innate illumination of their own. The birth of Christ brought illumination to this dark world. The light of Christ transforms the “stable” of man’s heart into a “temple” for the Holy Spirit. Would that all men would come to this Light.



A MESSAGE OF HOPE

So often at holiday seasons, many become despondent for one reason or another; for you I offer a *message of hope*.

For the men and women who have lost hope so that they see nothing worth living for, there is hope. If they will but recognize that there is a Father who cares for them. Let them “cry unto the Lord in their trouble” and they will discover that, especially, in the kind of world in which we are living He has a purpose for them. That life, after all, is worth living. He will provide the answer to the question, “Why am I here?” He will enable you to face the present and the future with uplifted faces, enable you to face courageously the challenges of living in this age with confidence and purpose. “He bringeth them into their desired haven”. (Psalm 107: 30)

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OUR UNFAILING SOURCE

Philippians 4: 13 "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me." (RSV)

I saw this title on a shelf of a Christian bookstore, "Developing Your Spiritual Muscles". Wait a minute, I didn't know we had such things. Isn't Jesus supposed to be our strength? We ourselves do not ever become strong. Spiritual strength is not analogous to physical strength.

We know how to get strong physically. We start easy, gradually increasing the weights and sweat. No pain, no gain. But keep it up and we have muscles. Is that the way it is with faith? Do we believe for little things and then gradually increase the size until we can have faith to heal cancer? I think not. Nor do we carry faith around with us like we carry muscle, waiting for something to exercise it on. We don't grow prayer like we grow muscles. We don't get strong by obeying little and finally obeying big. The trouble with thinking that we can get spiritually strong is that the center of gravity stays with ourselves and not with Jesus. And who of us could not testify that the trouble began when I took my eyes off Jesus and got them on myself. Let us always remember that Jesus is our strength. It isn't that it's not good to be strong in personality or in body. Our problem is not strength or weakness, it is self-dependence. I believe God's Word to us is this; bring your strengths to Jesus, give them up to Him. He can do wonderful things with strong people who are totally dependent upon Him. Bring your weakness to Jesus, give it up to Him; He can do wonderful things with weak people who are totally dependent upon Him.

THINK ABOUT IT!!!



Have
you
renewed
for
2014?



This is just a gentle reminder. I know how busy we can get at times and things can slip our minds. Why not renew now while it is fresh on your mind. May God bless you and smile upon you with divine favor.

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On The Lighter Side of Life

A merry heart does good, like medicine
Proverbs 17:22



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"Fax this list to Santa Claus, E-mail this one to God, and I want to talk directly to grandma!"