



Bits of Home Chat: I just had the thought, “What would it be like to honestly thank God for everything I could think of” . I looked around me and noticed 16 potted plants, all from sojourners past! Most of those are ready to share with others. I have enough plus more to share! Then I looked across the dining room and saw three painted wax figurines of turkeys and a pumpkin. My mother and dad used to make and sell them at flea markets, and I got those from them. Mother and dad have been gone for years, but God has allowed me to have a reminder of two folks who stayed together through thick and thin (a lot of thin) and went on to heaven. So, I have a good reminder of how they set good work examples for us 9 kids. On the table sits a really nice purse that my daughter gave to me last Christmas. There’s a large sack of sugar on the table to use for making jelly with. We had lots of

grapes this year! Next, I looked across the living room and saw the one thing Carl and I are both eternally grateful for, a Bible!

I decided to stop and pray a thanks-giving prayer to God just now, and one of the things I thanked God for most was You, our BTY brothers and sisters! We understand that you are of more value than any earthly thing and we praise God for you. Please pray for more students to get involved with *Bible To You*. We are now able to help with self-addressed, stamped envelopes for anyone who needs it. That is another thing to thank God for!!!

Here are some lines and scriptures for you this week that came in from one of you. Carl thought I ought to share it, so I am using it as your scriptures to memorize, if you wish, and to read and ponder:

“ Thanksgiving”

David said “That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell all thy wondrous works. Psalm 26:7

Psalms 95:2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. Thanksgiving is a daily praise to our Lord, in all things, not just a meal.

Isaiah 51:3b ...joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody. (We are to sing out to our Lord with thanksgiving, and with the voice of melody to our Lord, our creator of all things)

John 2:9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving;...

Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (We are to come to Him in prayers, giving thanks, because He makes all things come together in His plan and purpose, for our benefit!)

Our Lord tells us through Paul, in Colossians 4:2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving. (Can we not be thankful for all our Lord gives us?) (*This is my note: all good and all trials which are allowed into our lives are to strengthen us and to prove us as His faithful servant, not Satan’s servant. Do not bow to the deceiver when tested and tried. God’s strengthening presence is with us during those times too, enabling us to have a song of praise and thanksgiving in our hearts.*) 1Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

(I added a verse here) 1Thessalonians 3:8&9 For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord. For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God

Sending up thanks to God for you,

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