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“Cast all your cares upon Him; for He cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:7)

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BE
thankful

**“REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY CONTINUALLY,
GIVE *thanks* IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR
THIS IS GOD’S WILL FOR YOU IN CHRIST JESUS.”**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

This seems to be the time of year that we all tend to recognize and be thankful for God’s wonderful gifts to us. It helps us recognize and acknowledge just how truly blessed we truly are. Thanksgiving, Christmas and even Easter helps us reflect, but how about daily? Here, at Open Door, we wake up every day and tell at least 3 things we are thankful for that day. Whether it’s just to wake up or the air we breathe, the one resounding thankful is to the people that donate to and make this ministry possible for us. (continue inside)

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Staff Thoughts



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At this time, we would like to sincerely thank each and every church, business, community, and individuals that sacrifice, pray, love and support each of us overcoming some type of addiction through Jesus Christ. Only through your giving, are we able to continue this ministry of love and recovery.

During our morning devotion and thankfulness about eight years ago, one man uttered something that has stuck with me through all these years. He thanked God for everyone and everything that God has placed in his life, and was thankful of the people and things that He has taken out. That struck me as almost like an epiphany. How many of us thank God for things or people that God has placed in our lives that were never His will? Then were upset with God for removing them? Misplaced desires with prayers can be very destructive in our lives. We need to make sure that we are hearing that still, calm voice that's speaking to us and not just ignore because of our own selfish desires.

It has taken me a while, but I realize I have to pray for God's will in all things to be done and be thankful for all that is truly of Him and His will. The Spirit of God is always communing with us if we'll take time to listen, obey and be thankful. Finally, know that all gifts are only on loan from God until our final destination. *Roby Jones - ODM*

Testimony



My name is Thomas Wescott. I am 26 years old and an ex-heroin addict. To understand me a little better I have to go back a while. So, here we go. Growing

up, my mother and father were both heroin addicts, so I was raised by my grandparents. My grandfather, William, is a Godly man and I was brought up in a Christian church and household.

As I got older, I started to rebel and wanted to be around my friends and do what I wanted by going to parties, staying out late, and basically doing things I wasn't allowed to do at home. So, my freshman year I moved in with my mother. It started off well but soon I started to get into trouble with the law. Eventually, when I was 20 years old, I got into serious trouble. I was drinking and taking prescription pain pills. Long story short, I ended up getting into a drunken brawl and hit someone with a beer bottle. The guy was injured pretty badly, and to this day I wish it had never happened. For that 30 second incident I spent the next 5 years of my life in prison from age 20 to 25.

When I was finally released and came home, I was doing really well. I got a decent job helping build family beach homes and custom houses while making \$25.00 an hour, a company vehicle, gas card, and health insurance. Things were going really well and I bought my first new (to me), used car. It was a dark gray, 2016 Dodge Charger. Boy, was I proud of myself! Right after that I got married to the woman of my dreams, Francesca West-

cott. We were actually together before I ever went to prison. And yes, she actually stuck it out and waited for me. After I got married, my wife wanted to move and of course, I supported her. Moving down here was not that great for me. Finding work was challenging. I didn't know a single person and I really missed my family and friends back home.

I went out New Year's Eve to a bar and that was my first dance with the devil after all those years. I started taking Percocet pills all over again and became addicted quickly. It soon escalated to heroin because it was cheaper. I found that it gave me the same feeling but more intense. It was the worst mistake of my life! After that first use, I knew I was going to be hooked. It only took me 9 months to lose everything I had worked so hard for; my new car, all my money, etc. The one thing I did not lose was my wife and I thank God for her every day! I tried to get clean at home more times than I can count. I went to a 7-day detox to clean up. Nothing worked for me until Open Door Ministries!

I have been drug and alcohol clean for over a month now and I feel amazing! This place is filled with positivity and Jesus. If you really want to change your life, make the people who care about you proud, and break the chains of addiction; this is the place! I struggled so badly before coming here. Sometimes I would wish only death for myself. Now I know that was the devil manipulating my thoughts, and only by the grace of God have I been saved. If God can love and a sinner of my caliber then He surely loves, cares, and wants to save you as well. I give all the thanks and glory to my savior, Jesus Christ!

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7



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