

## *A Word From the Publisher*

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As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, do we really have a 'thankful' heart? This week, why not try to put all our fears aside and truly just be thankful. Our minds have all been inundated with information on the virus, the election, testing, and it goes on and on. Now is the time to put aside our cellphones and televisions and really focus on how blessed we are. Again, it is so easy to focus on the bad because after all, that is exactly what Satan wants us to do.

Instead of grumbling about having to get up early and go to work, why not be thankful you have a job that God has provided for you. Make a difference at work! Instead of fussing with the children about going to school and homework, be thankful that you have healthy children that can go to school and learn with their friends. Instead of complaining about how small your house is, be thankful you have a home, a roof over your head and a safe place for your family. Instead of complaining about a headache, be thankful you're not in the hospital fighting a horrible disease. Instead of having a bad attitude because you have to get up early for work, be thankful that God gave you another day of life. I could go on and on and I too am guilty of some of these thoughts.

Yes, it's hard not to focus on the 'what ifs' of life. Try to begin each day with a smile and a 'thank you Jesus' before you get going. You will be amazed at the difference your day will be. As our world continues to change every day, God is the same

always. He never changes. He is always faithful, available and eager to hear from his children. Our circumstances may change, but God remains the same. His love for us is never ending. Never has there been a time that the words to the old hymn Great is Thy Faithfulness, been so alive and vivid in our lives. Just a few of the words: Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Morning by morning new mercies I see; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth. Maybe during this time of Thanksgiving, take time to Google Great is Thy Faithfulness. Look at the lyrics but better yet listen to someone singing it. It is a beautiful hymn and shares just a few of the blessings that God provides for us each and every day.

I pray that we all have a wonderful Thanksgiving with our family and friends. Try to remember ALL the many things that we have to be thankful for. Remember that our heavenly Father is waiting for us to call on Him. Again, the Lord is in control of everything. The most important thing you have to be concerned about is have you accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior? What a special time to make the most important decision in your life. Won't you ask Him now? Happy Thanksgiving!

Have a blessed week!

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