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## Thanksgiving Time Is Always--

"In Everything Give Thanks, for This is the Will of God in Christ Jesus Concerning You."

Note the apostle does not say, for everything give thanks, but in everything. We can be thankful to our Heavenly Father at all times, in spite of trials, wars and sorrows. First, because He wills it so; what He wills for us He will give us grace to do. Second, because our lot is



never so bad but it could be worse. Our case is not as bad as many others whom we know. Third, God has promised to help us in our times of need. So let us cultivate the spirit of thankfulness, and refrain from murmuring, fretting and complaining, even in this time of much sorrow, and we will be happier ourselves, and make life pleasanter for those around us.—H. S. D.

### THANKSGIVING

Margarret E. Sangster

For the days when nothing happens,  
For the cares that leave no trace,  
For the love of little children,  
For each sunny dwelling place.  
For the altars of our fathers,  
And the closets where we pray,  
Take, O gracious God and Father,  
Praises this Thanksgiving Day.

For our harvests safely gathered,  
For our golden store of wheat,  
For the bowers and the vinelands,  
For the flowers' up-springing sweet,  
For our coasts from want protected,  
For each inlet, river, bay,  
By the bounty full and flowing,  
Take our praises this joyful day.

For the hours when Heaven is nearest  
And the earth-mood does not cling,  
For the very gloom oft broken  
By our looking for the King,  
By our thought that He is coming,  
For our courage on the way,  
Take, O Friend, unseen, eternal,  
Praises this Thanksgiving Day.

—Zion's Tidings

### EXPRESS YOUR GRATITUDE

The world, we believe, is not suffering so much from a sense of ingratitude as from a certain reluctance to say "Thank you." The beautiful thing about life is that no matter how dark the day, or how meager our earnings may have been, we still find much for which to be thankful.

A man who had sufficient means of self-support gave his time one winter to the feeding of little children in a crowded city. He received no pay for his work. Hearing this, one remarked to him one day: "But you will be more than repaid in the gratitude of the parents." He replied, "I did this all winter, and I have the first word of thanks yet to receive from anybody."

Gratitude is a source of inspiration and often the source of our greatest encouragement. A man's efficiency is more than doubled when he knows his work is appreciated.

Praise is ordained of God: "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." The Psalmist said, "I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Instead of waiting until we are in dire need of something, would it not be well to go to God with thankful heart and express our gratitude for what He has already done for us? It is praise that completes the circuit of prayer.—Sel.

they show which way the winds blow. At a large gathering of ministers at a camp meeting, one of the older bishops was giving a special address to ministers in a tent. There were several rows of seats, all of which were filled except the very front row. It was rather too close to the speaker to be desirable. Then another brother came in and looked over the audience for a seat. He saw the empty front row, but the look on his face indicated he did not favour that seat. A Japanese brother, who saw the situation at a glance, quietly arose from his seat and stepping up to the front row, pointed the late-comer to his seat. Not a word was said, but a sermon was preached from the text, "In honor preferring one another."

A certain pastor relates that at one time he had a board of twelve deacons in his church. Often when the vote was taken it stood eleven to one. One day the lone voter

complained, saying "Brethren, I do not understand why you all oppose me so much." The pastor kindly but plainly answered his complaint as follows: "Brother, you feel as if you are the government and the eleven the opposition. As a matter of fact they are the government and you are the opposition."

Humility is a gem among the graces. It is not a natural trait, but is born of grace. It is also an antidote to pride, independence and selfishness.

One has said, "The doctrines of grace humble man without degrading, and exalt without inflating him."—Canadian Free Methodist.

### BEATITUDES FOR PASTORS

Blessed is the pastor who is not swayed by the gossip of the week-day to the extent that he allows it to enter into his Sunday message. He shall have a message from God.

Blessed is the pastor who is not offended when his predecessor is highly spoken of, and who keeps his tongue from speaking discrediting things about him. He shall be well liked by all.

Blessed is the pastor who does not become familiar with the opposite sex. He shall continue in God's work.

Blessed is the pastor whose home is under control, and whose mate conducts herself properly. He shall have blessings untold.

Blessed is the pastor who does not blame everyone else for his mistakes and failures. He will be a great leader.

Blessed is the pastor who is not neglectful of himself, his family, or the building in which he preaches. He shall be respected by all.

Blessed is the pastor who has a vision; who with his eyes open grasps every opportunity afforded for the advancement of the kingdom of God. He shall be desired of God's people.

Blessed is the pastor who is sanctified wholly. He shall be happy.—O. N. Robinson.

"For Brighter hope and larger faith,  
For life that triumphs over death  
And love that never dies,  
We thank Thee, Father, more and more,  
And when this brief earth life is o'er,  
We'll praise Thee in the skies."

THE GRACE OF HUMILITY

It was at General Conference, many years ago. The debate had been long and spirited. Then the vote was taken. One brother, a prominent evangelist, raised his hand as high as he could. No doubt his feelings were tense. To him, the question at issue had real moral value and should be decided as his judgment indicated. A few minutes later this man was seen to go to the front and quietly address the chair. Then turning to the conference, with tear dimmed eyes he said, "Brethren, when the vote was taken I raised my hand too high. I want to confess that for so doing the Spirit has reproved me. I want to ask forgiveness. I must be careful not to let self dictate my course." The effect of this brother's carefulness and humility registered a lesson on many hearts.

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