



GRATEFULNESS - Sign of the Times

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Thanksgiving time has always been a very special time of thanking God for all of my many blessings. I grew up in a time when Thanksgiving meant going to church and having a big family dinner. It also meant the start of the Christmas season by putting up the Christmas tree and decorations. Then we took the time to make my Mom's famous peanut butter candy.

It always seemed to be a happy time as a child and to this day I hold on to the fond family memories and just like then, ***I have decided to have a grateful attitude on purpose.***

The bible is clear that we are to have an ***attitude of gratitude*** at all times; *"And in the midst of everything be always giving thanks, for this is God's perfect plan for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18* TPT. Regardless of what is going on around us we can decide and make the choice to find that one thing to be grateful and thankful about. I'm not talking about being thankful for what the devil is doing but in everything I look for something to say, *Thank you, Thank you Jesus...because You said that You would make a way of escape.*

I clearly remember and I am grateful to the Lord for the first mentor who spoke into my life as a child. This mentor taught me about choosing to be grateful! His name is *Pastor Charles Cowan from Nashville, Tennessee* who would come to our area once a month

when I was in my teens. ***Pastor Charles taught a message about the necessity of maintaining a grateful attitude.***

He taught me about believing God for the things I needed and to be thankful along the way. I will never forget that Pastor Charles used an example of believing God for a car and at the same time being grateful for legs that worked to get you to your destination. He shared about the need for being grateful for the bus, the bicycle and ultimately the car.

Being grateful and taking care of whatever is in your hands is a key no matter whatever stage you find yourself. This *attitude of gratitude* will lead you to the next level of living the abundant life Jesus came to give us with even more gratitude.

Colossians 3:17

17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, ***giving thanks through Him to God the Father*** (TPT).

If we Choose, on a daily basis, to find that thing, that person or environment to be thankful for on purpose, we will not only make God smile but enjoy the life we have in Him.

Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone and may you remember and celebrate all the many blessings you have from your Heavenly Father.

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