

A word from your Pastor

***Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!  
(Psalm 136:1)***

I brought up my two girls with a few life quotes or parenting mottos. These are quotes such as:

Take the upper road and be the bigger person.

Be who you are and not who others want you to be.

You get what you get and you don't mind a bit.

Through mottos like these we can get a better appreciation of each day we are given. I'm so glad that God provides everything we need. And sometimes we receive things that we really don't need. I am reminded of a story a colleague of mine shared with me about a home visit he went to do. At the door only the kids were there to greet him. "Mom will be back in a minute, want to wait?" "Of course!" the pastor replied. Then one of the boys offered him some peanuts in a dish. He was soon lost in conversation and suddenly realized that he had consumed all the peanuts.

"I'm terribly sorry," he apologized to his attentive listeners," "I didn't leave any for you." "Oh, that's o.k," smiled the little boy, "we just eat the chocolate covering." I guess you get what you get and don't mind a bit. I guess life is like a box of chocolates... you never know what you are going to get. Maybe we should just rely on God, for we can trust that God never gives us junk or more than we can handle.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and let's begin to give thanks for everything God provided this year amidst the troubles of the year. Take joy wherever you go! At the same time, we also have to rely on the forgiveness of God when conflicting claims and responsibilities creep into our decisions and actions. God will over-come all sins! Each day is a special blessing and there are many more blessings for you in the months and years ahead! I am grateful for all of you, for allowing me to be your pastor. Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

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