

Thanksgiving Eve Service 2022

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"Say Thank You Please"

What comes to mind when I say "Thanksgiving?"
Turkey, Football, Pilgrims, Freedom, Liberty, America,
Family, Faith, God, Salvation, Jesus – The First Thanksgiving!

A Thanksgiving Day Proclamation

By Samuel Adams

Thursday December 18, 1777

Did you know that the Continental Congress adopted a recommendation put forth by Samuel Adams, declaring that Thursday, December 18, 1777 to be "A day of thanksgiving to God," Samuel Adams went on to say that *"In particular, God hath been pleased in so great a measure to prosper the means used for the support of our troops and to crown our arms with most signal success."* The resolution went on to say that the day would be set aside so that: *"With one heart and one voice the good people may express the grateful feelings of their hearts, and consecrate themselves to the service of their Divine Benefactor; and that together with their sincere acknowledgments and offerings, they may join the penitent confession of their manifold sins, whereby they had forfeited every favor, and their humble and earnest supplication that it may please God, through the merits of Jesus Christ, mercifully to forgive and blot them out of remembrance; that it may please him graciously to afford His blessing on the governments of these States respectively, and prosper the public council of the whole; to inspire our commanders both by land and sea, and all under them, with that wisdom and fortitude which may render them fit instruments, under the providence of Almighty God, to secure for these United States the greatest of all human blessings, independence and peace; that it may please Him to prosper the trade and manufactures of the people and the labor of the husbandman, that our land may yet yield its increase; to take schools and seminaries of education, so necessary for cultivating the principles of true liberty, virtue and piety, under His nurturing hand, and to prosper the means of religion for the promotion and enlargement of that kingdom which consisteth in righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost."*

– Samuel Adams, Continental Congress.

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;
But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

– Proverbs 29:2

The BIBLE is the Book of many things
But the Bible is THE book regarding every
reason why we should be THANKFUL !

The Bible is Full of Big Thankful Situations like...

(1) Like Adam seeing Eve for the
First time = "Thank You God"

(2) Like when Noah got off the Ark =
"Thank You God"

(3) And what about Lil' David trusting in God to
take-down Goliath. = "Thank You God"

Acts 3:1-10

Now Peter and John went up together TO the temple AT the hour of prayer, the ninth hour (3pm). :2 And A CERTAIN MAN lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called "Beautiful", to ask help from those who entered the temple; :3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for help. :4 And Peter fixing his eyes on him, with John, said, "Look at us." :5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. :6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." :7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. :8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them -
- (1) walking, (2) leaping, and (3) praising God. :9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God. :10 Then they knew that it was he who sat begging for help at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Thanksgiving is The Holiest Day of Our Holidays.
It's 100% Uniquely American and it's 100% Uniquely Christian

Verse 1

Now Peter and John went up together TO the temple
AT the hour of prayer, the ninth hour (3pm).

Being Thankful for Every Single Day God Gives Us.

Peter and John thought it was just another normal day – lets go to church.

Verse 2-5

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Being Thankful Because God Knows What We Need.

This poor man thought that all he needed was money so he could eat & sleep.

Verse 6

Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”

Being Thankful Helps Your Heart to Hear Better

Being Thankful Cannot Be Bought or Given Away.

The best things that God has for us are free!

Verse 7-8

Now Peter took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. :8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them - - walking, leaping, and praising God.

Being Thankful Gives Your Life Power to Tell Others.

Being Thankful Will Cause Joy to Happen.

Choosing to be thankful will cause you to see things that cannot be seen

Verse 9-10

:9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God. :10 Then they knew that it was he who sat begging for help at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Being Thankful Gives Power to Your Life & To Tell Others.

Being Thankful Will Change Your Attitude.

Choosing to be thankful will change the atmosphere / "weather" you're in

Complaining is like Bad Weather

Complain

Complain

Complain

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Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God

Do you know someone who just whines and complains about everything?

Complaining is the opposite of **being thankful**

Verse 8

8 So he, leaping up (I could have hurt myself), stood (now I'm going to have to get a job cuz I can't beg anymore) and walked and entered the temple with them - - walking, leaping, and praising God. (man - what are my friends going to think about me now)

Psalms 100:1-4

Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! :2 Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. :3 Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. :4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

“Then they knew”and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to the man.”

#1

There is always something to be thankful for.

#2

Being thankful causes you to see things that cannot be seen otherwise.

#3

Being thankful effects the other people around you.

#4

When you choose to be thankful, you instantly become “wealthy”

End of Study

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