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A still life scene with a Thanksgiving card, lit candles, pumpkins, and pinecones. The card is in the foreground, resting on a dark plate. The background features a rustic wooden log, several lit candles in glass holders, and pumpkins. The lighting is warm and dim, creating a cozy atmosphere.

Philippians 4:4-9
I Thessalonians 5:16-18.



**How do we Define the word
“Thanksgiving”?**



“The offering of thanks, especially for gifts received. Scripture emphasizes the importance of giving thanks to God for all his gifts and works, both as an expression of our dependence upon him and gratitude to him.”

Martin H. Manser, *Dictionary of Bible Themes*



**“Rendering thanks for good received.”;
“The act of rendering thanks or expressing
gratitude for favors
or mercies.”**

Webster’s Dictionary, 1828 Edition.

The most common Greek word translated
“thanksgiving” or “thanks” means; “to
freely give gratitude”; “grateful language to
God as an act of worship”.

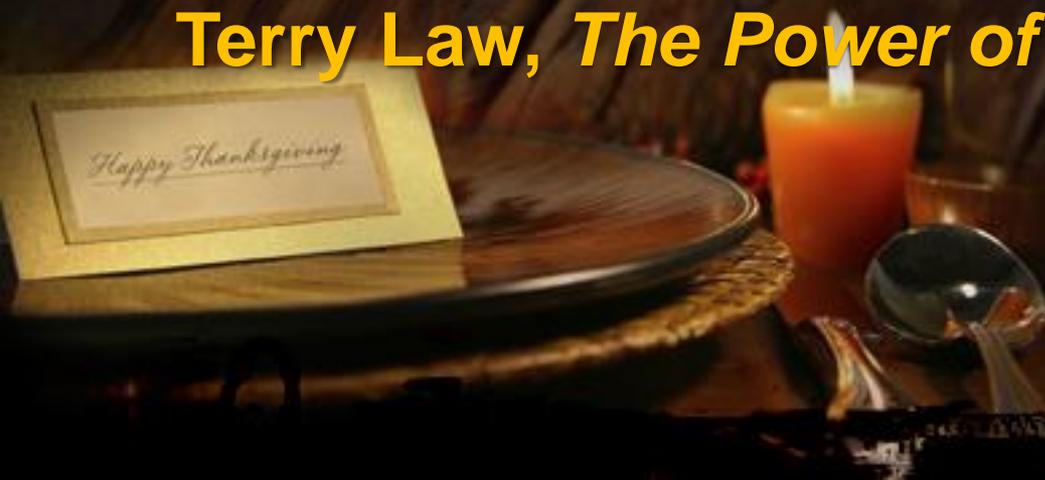


Quotes about Giving Thanks.



“Thanksgiving has a way of getting the wheels of faith moving in our spirit. There is a certain amount of inertia in our faith that has to be overcome. Thanksgiving is action that we can take against that inertia to get our faith active. When we begin to recount what God has done, it doesn’t take very long to get excited about what He is about to do now.”

Terry Law, *The Power of Praise and Worship*



“Thanksgiving therefore is the trigger that prepares us for the miracle-working power of God.”

Terry Law, The Power of Praise and Worship



“Gratitude is an offering precious in the sight of God, and it is one that the poorest of us can make and be not poorer but richer for having made it.”

A.W. Tozer



“God says to give thanks in everything. That doesn’t mean you need to give thanks FOR everything. You don’t need to give thanks FOR that bad day. Or FOR that bad relationship. Or being passed over at work. Financial hardship. Whatever it is – you are not to give thanks FOR the difficulties, but rather IN the difficulties. That is a very important distinction, and one I think we often miss. Giving thanks IN everything shows a heart of faith that God is bigger than the difficulties and that He can use them, if you approach Him with the right heart and spirit, for your good and His glory.” –Tony Evans

Scriptural Commands for Giving Thanks.



“Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good!* For His mercy *endures* forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men! Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing.”

Psalm 107:1-2, 21-22.



“But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.” Ephesians 5:3-4

“[G]iving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.” Colossians 1:12.



“And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

Colossians 3:17

“Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks.” **Hebrews 13:15.**



The Bible on Complaining.

**You can't be Thankful if
you're Complaint-full!**



Philippians 2:14-16



“Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.”

Philippians 2:14-16

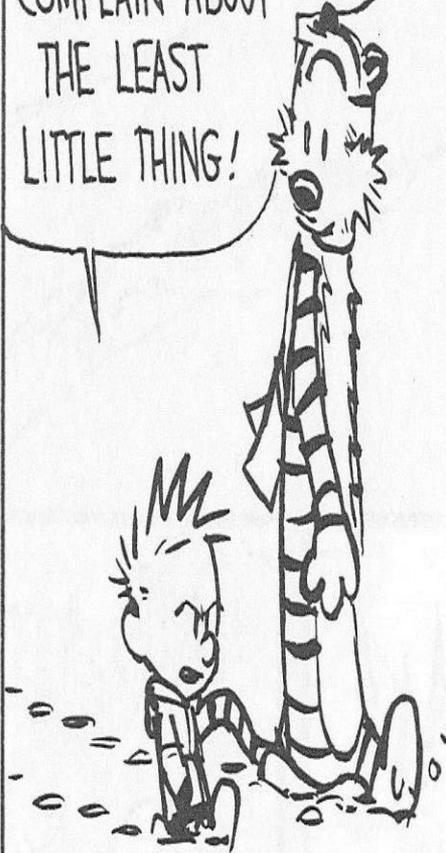


The word “**complaining**” here means; “**to express one’s discontent—to complain, to grumble**”

Johannes P. Louw and Eugene Albert Nida, *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament: Based on Semantic Domains*



SOME PEOPLE COMPLAIN ALL THE TIME! THEY COMPLAIN ABOUT THE LEAST LITTLE THING!



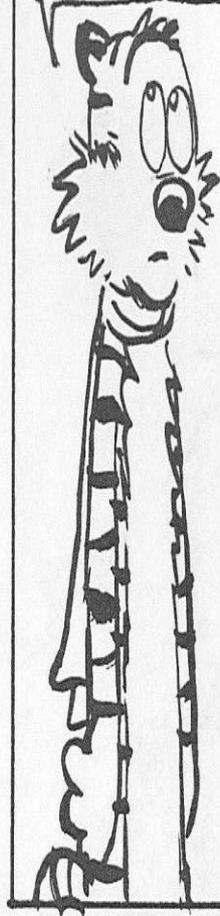
IF SOMETHING BUGS THEM, THEY NEVER LET GO OF IT! THEY JUST GO ON AND ON, LONG AFTER ANYONE ELSE IS INTERESTED! IT'S JUST COMPLAIN, COMPLAIN, COMPLAIN! PEOPLE WHO GRIPE ALL THE TIME REALLY DRIVE ME NUTS!



YOU'D THINK THEY'D CHANGE THE SUBJECT AFTER A WHILE, BUT THEY NEVER DO! THEY JUST KEEP GRIPING UNTIL YOU START TO WONDER, "WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS IDIOT?" BUT THEY GO ON COMPLAINING AND REPEATING WHAT THEY'VE ALREADY SAID!



MAYBE THEY'RE NOT VERY SELF-AWARE.



BOY, THAT'S *ANOTHER* THING THAT GETS ON MY NERVES!



I Corinthians 10:1-13



1. Lust.
2. Idolatry.
3. Fornication.
4. Tempting Christ.
5. Murmuring/Complaining.

Exodus 17:1-7 – Complained about no water.

Numbers 20:1-13 – Water again.

Numbers 14; Numbers 16.

Numbers 21:5 – “...our soul loathes this worthless bread.”

**We have much to be
Thankful for!**



1. Give thanks for His Goodness and Mercy.

Psalm 136:1-3.

2. Give thanks for Eternal Life and the Lord Jesus Christ. II Corinthians 9:15.

3. Give thanks for victory over death and the grave. I Corinthians 15:53-57;

I Thessalonians 4:13-18.



4. Give thanks for the triumph of the Gospel.

II Corinthians 2:14.

5. Give thanks for Deliverance from sin and

Satan. Romans 6:16,17; Romans 7:24,25;

Luke 10:17-20; Colossians 1:13.



6. Be thankful for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and for your Spiritual language (other tongues). **I Corinthians 14:18.**

7. We're to give thanks for the food God provides us. **I Timothy 4:1-5; Romans 14:6,7.**



8. We're to be thankful for the fellowship of other believers. **Ephesians 1:15-16.**

9. Give thanks because He has given you an Inheritance and you're an heir of God and a joint-heir with Jesus Christ. **Romans 8:17; Colossians 1:12.**



“BLESS (AFFECTIONATELY, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul; and all that is [*deepest*] within me, bless His holy name!

Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul, and forget not [*one of*] all His benefits-- Who forgives [*every one of*] all your iniquities, Who heals [*each one of*] all your diseases,”

Psalm 103:1-3 – Amplified Bible



“Who redeems your life from the pit *and* corruption, Who beautifies, dignifies, *and* crowns you with loving-kindness and tender mercy;

Who satisfies your mouth [*your necessity and desire at your personal age and situation*] with good so that your youth, renewed, is like the eagle's [*strong, overcoming, soaring*]!”

Psalm 103:4-5 – Amplified Bible



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A still life scene for Thanksgiving. In the foreground, a lit orange candle sits on a dark surface. To its left, a card with the text "Happy Thanksgiving" in cursive is placed on a dark, reflective plate. In the background, several pumpkins and pinecones are visible, creating a warm, autumnal atmosphere. The lighting is soft and focused on the candle and card.



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