

Messenger of Truth

"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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## **Blessings**

"It is only when we have lost them that we fully appreciate our blessings." – Plautus, *Captivi*

"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings." William Arthur Ward

"Over and over I marvel at the blessings of my life: each year has grown better than the last." – Lawrence Welk

"It becomes us in humility to make our devout acknowledgements to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for the inestimable civil and religious blessings with which we are favored." - James K. Polk, 11<sup>th</sup> President of the United States

"Reflect upon your present blessings of which every man has many – not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some." – Charles Dickens

How we love to sing: "When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged thinking all is lost, count your many blessings name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done."

O my friends, how we are truly blessed. We know in Matthew 6 that our Lord promised food, shelter, and clothing. And He has certainly provided that in greater quantity than we truly need. And yet, His great blessings by no means stop there.

If we are honest with ourselves, we may well find that there is no adequate way to even begin to count the blessings we have enjoyed. Like the stars in the heavens at night, or the grains of sand on the sea shore, there are so many that if would take a lifetime to count them all, and even then, only touching as it were, the hem of the garment.

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations" (Psa. 100:4-5). "Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness" (Psa. 107:8-9).

When you are feeling sorry for yourself, and wishing for more, remind yourself of the blessings that He has showered upon you. Look around you and see everything He has blessed you with and put things into a right perspective.

Has He left you hungry? Has He left you without shelter? Has He left you without clothing? "...And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done." (Song: When Upon Life's Billows)