

Love God, Love People, and Count Your Blessings

I often think of my paternal grandmother as a pioneer woman. She was widowed twice, raised 5 children on a small western Kentucky farm and survived, living to be 6 months short of 100 years. I asked her this question: "Grandmother, what is your secret of longevity?" In the flash of an eye, she stated: "Love God, love people, and count your blessings!"

Now counting your blessings didn't mean material things that money could buy. Instead, it was the simple, basic things in life that most people take for granted. Such as jars of canned food in the pantry for winter, church friends, eyesight to read her Bible, and flowers in her garden.

"Count Your Blessings" is a familiar Thanksgiving hymn sung during this season. The chorus goes like this: "Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your blessings, see what God has done." All that we own is a gift from God. Every breath we take—every step—every thought is a gift from God.

In Psalm 107:31 (NIV), the psalmist said, "Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind." Unfailing, yes! Wonderful deeds, yes!

How can you help others in your church realize God's blessings? First, pray they will know God's unmeasurable love. Next, encourage them to write down a list of ways God has blessed their life. Share what God has done in your life and the lives of your family.

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Give thanks to him and praise his name.

PSALM 100:4 (NIV)

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Invocation and Welcome

Hymn No. 101 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

Hymn No. 102 "The Birthday of a King"

Missionary Prayer Calendar Nancy Lacerte

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 118 "What Child Is This"

Scripture Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon Rev. Mike Dickey

"The Sheep and the Goats"

Hymn No. 318 "The Nail-Scarred Hand"

Benediction

Pre-read for next week: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Wednesday group is taking a break over the holiday season. We look forward to beginning a new study after the first of the year.

To subscribe to our text alerts, text "JOIN" to 804-430-6282. We send out prayer requests and reminders.

Be sure to look for our Daily Devotional on our website:
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Missed a sermon? Or just want to hear it again? Our Past sermons are available on our website, Facebook, YouTube, and your favorite podcast app.

APPALACHIA CHRISTMAS GIFT PACKING: This will be at Camp Kehukee on November 27-28 from 9am – 2pm. There is also a need for Christmas wrapping paper for this event.