

Living with a Heart Full of Gratitude!

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People who have had a life full of threatening episodes, whether it was a result of illness, or an accident, or living in a dictatorship, when they are delivered from these tragedies and misfortune, without hesitation they will tell how appreciative of life they are and thankful for the second chance God has given them. They see every new day as a gift from God Almighty! They appreciate every moment of life like never before and take nothing for granted.

I wonder if this was what King David had in mind when he wrote: Psalm 100:1-4 "Make a joyful noise unto the LORD... Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God. We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his Name. For the LORD is good." I believe we should realize that our God must be, if He is not yet, the center of our lives in words and in deed. Our lives can be gone in a moment and there are no guaranties we will be here tomorrow.

Maybe there are some pain and aches, some hurdles, some adversity in our lives now, but it could be much worse! So, I believe as the Psalms tell us, we should develop an attitude of praise and gratitude for what we have, not what we don't. We should be thankful for what God means to us and all He is doing right now in our lives. Let's bless Him for the opportunities, the blessings, and the favor He has bestowed upon us! Let's look at each day as a gift from above and with a heart full of praises and thanksgiving; let's bless His Name together!

With a grateful heart,
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