

COGA NEWS



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THE ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Bishop Cecil Reid

Our appreciation of something ripens into true enjoyment when we apply gratitude. Without gratitude, it's so easy to lose track of the goodness in our life.

An eighteenth-century suicide note read: "All this buttoning and unbuttoning." Granted, life before zippers and Velcro was far more tedious, but whoever unbuttoned his or her life over buttoning and unbuttoning forgot to feel grateful for buttons and the clothes they went on.

If this eighteenth-century person had only learned from the writings of fellow-eighteenth-century, Sir Walter Scott: "**Many of our cares are but a morbid way of looking at our privileges.**" The way out of such morbidity and into enjoyment is appreciation and gratitude.

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What is the latitude of gratitude?

1 Thessalonians 5:18

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Giving thanks in everything is a tough assignment, but doable nonetheless, or else God would not have given it to us. If nothing else, it is a challenge for us to keep growing!

"Gratitude is to thank God for all His infinite goodness with all our heart."

Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues but the parent of all others.

If we're having trouble feeling grateful for what we have, maybe a good place to start is feeling grateful for what we don't have: all the miseries and sorrows that, for the moment, have passed us by.

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Izaak Walton who lived to be ninety back when the average life span was about forty-five years (1593-1683) said... "Every misery I miss is a new blessing"

Here is some more good advice; "The best medicine I know for rheumatism," said one man "is to thank the Lord it ain't the gout." I know that for a fact!

"Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns," why not be thankful that "thorns have roses."



From "THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES" TV Series

Here is a penetrating dialogue between Jed Clampett and his cousin Pearl:

Jed Clampett: Pearl, what d'ya think? Think I oughta move?

Cousin Pearl: Jed, how can ya even ask? Look around ya.

- You're eight miles from yore nearest neighbor.
- Yore overrun with skunks, possums, coyotes, bobcats.
- You use kerosene lamps fer light and you cook on a wood stove summer and winter.
- Yore drinkin' homemade moonshine and washin' with homemade lye soap.
- And yore bathroom is fifty feet from the house and you ask "should I move?"

Jed: I reckon yore right. A man'd be a dang fool to leave all this!



Since the will of God concerning us is to give thanks in everything, and that Gratitude is the fruit of great personal cultivation... **I think I need to get busy tending to my garden!**

Happy Thanksgiving,
Bishop Cecil Reid



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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- FOOD DRIVE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES
"Mission Department"

DECEMBER

- 3rd > 2023 Planning Meeting (Zoom)
- 17th > Pastor & 1st Lady Vow Renewal
- 18th > Christmas Program
- 25th > No Service
- 31st > Watch Night Service

Find more information on www.cogainc.org



A LITTLE SOMETHING TO LAUGH ABOUT

- "There's always something to be thankful for on Thanksgiving. Even if it's just not being a turkey."
- May your stuffing be tasty. May your turkey be plump. May your potatoes and gravy, have nary a lump. May your yams be delicious, and your pies take the prize, And may your Thanksgiving dinner, stay off your thighs!
- "We may not have it all together, but together, we have it all."

• BE THANKFUL •
BE
Grateful
• BE BLESSED •

