

November 22 / Sunday
Counting Every Blessing

Read [2 Corinthians 4:13-15](#) / [Colossians 1:3-4, 9-14](#)



23 / Mon – Consider | Read [1 Thessalonians 5:18](#)

The Thanksgiving holiday is the time we pause to consider how we have been blessed and express thanks. Some years you feel so blessed that gratitude overflows but let's be honest, this has been a hard year. Maybe that's why it is even more important to focus on the blessings you have in spite of the turmoil going on around you. Make a list. What have you lost that you are grateful you had? And what do you take for granted today that you would miss if you lost it tomorrow?

24 / Tue – Wow! | Read [Psalm 103:1-18](#)

When someone gives you a gift or does something nice for you, it's almost an automatic response to say *thank you*. When you remember some of the things God has done for you or the ways He has helped you and you thank Him, something happens inside. You start to gain perspective. What do you think might happen if you read these verses out loud and stopped after each one to express genuinely thanks for that gift? Try it.

25 / Wed – Who is this Lord? | Read [Psalm 145:8-20](#)

Someone has described *thanksgiving* as what you give God for what He *does* and you give *praise* for who God *is*. Yesterday you thanked God for all the things He has done for you. Today try praising Him for who He is as a person. In these verses, notice how many times what God does is a result of His character. This shift to focus on who God is could help deepen your relationship with Him. How might this keep you connected in difficult times or when God says *no* to your request?

26 / Thu – Family time | Read [2 Timothy 1:1-5](#) (Paul writing to Timothy, his son in the faith)

Thanksgiving is traditionally a time when families get together. Multiple movies have been made, showcasing just how dysfunctional family events can become. No matter how you relate, or *don't* relate, to various family members, it is important to see how God has used each person in your life. Ask Him to help you find something good about each one; then be willing to share it with them. Do you know how much this will bless your Father in heaven?!

27 / Fri – Nevertheless... | Read [Psalm 118:1 and 29](#) / [Habakkuk 3:17-18](#)

How does a person stay thankful when there seem to be fewer and fewer reasons for gratitude? Habakkuk wrote a list of his calamities and then made a declaration that none of them would keep him from being joyful in the one thing that could not be taken away. He made his decision *before* everything hit the fan so he was ready when it came. Do you hang on so tightly to what you value that losing it could destroy your faith? What can you do about that?

28 / Sat – Offer this | Read [Hebrews 13:15](#)

The Lord knows how difficult it can be to express gratitude when life gets hard. In fact, this verse calls it a 'sacrifice'. Like forgiveness, it is not dependent on how you feel. It is an act of your will. When you speak the truth of who God is, why He deserves your honor and thanks, your obedience can actually change the way you feel. It is also the greatest weapon you have against the enemy who constantly tries to discredit the Lord in your eyes. Are you willing to try?