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## Remember to give thanks every day of the year

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Here we are again, ready to embark upon another holiday season! A time for celebrating, giving thanks for our many blessings, decorating, and spending time with loved ones.

We are celebrating our national holiday known as "Thanksgiving." It is a time to remember those who helped settle this great country and to count our many, many blessings.

We have so much to be thankful for every day of the year, but how many of us take time daily to reflect and offer our thanks to the one who created us and has given

us so much for which to be thankful?

So often, we get caught up in the mundane or chaotic ways of life in which we find ourselves. Life can become a rat race and we want to get off at the nearest rest stop. As a result, we miss the beauty of life: Sunrises, sunsets, the sweet fragrance after a rain storm, the ability to breathe, the use of our senses, and the list just goes on and on.

Even though these are all wonderful blessings for which we are to be thankful, these are all temporary blessings on loan to us from our God. As believers and

disciples of Jesus Christ, each and every day is to be a day for giving thanks for blessings that transcend this brief life.

Those blessings are eternal. Some of these include the forgiveness of our sins Christ purchased for us by shedding his blood for us upon the cross of Calvary. It includes the eternal life we will have with him which we are guaranteed if we have received him as our savior. It engulfs the change he accomplishes in our hearts to enable and empower us to live life abundantly and fulfill our God-given destinies.

Yes, every day is Thanksgiving for the Christian! No matter what

situation or state you find yourself in at this point in time, you can have his perfect peace which transcends your humanness and this life.

Offer yourself as a living sacrifice to him as your act of worship, and trust him to be with you each and every step of the way.

The psalmist, David, wrote "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Trust him today with every breath, heartbeat and detail. Be

careful to keep an attitude of gratitude for his care and love for you until you are with him for all eternity. Remember, this life is but a vapor and only what's done for Jesus will last!

Yes, this is the season to give thanks, to celebrate, to praise, and to worship our wonderful Lord Jesus! Let's be mindful to do so every day of the year.

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