

Too Many to Count!

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We have to admit that God's blessings have been *Too Many to Count!* We should AV Psalm 95:2 "Come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms." We need to be AV Ephesians 5:20 "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Thanking God as each day *begins* for all the good things we have and enjoy, is an automatic response to this holiday and every day. Our blessings are beyond counting! We thank God for the Atonement His Son made for *us*, so our sins could be forgiven, and our heart converted to one that believes and trusts God in faith.

We *know* that He died for us, so we begin *trusting* Him for *all things involving* faith—like: divine healing without drugs; for daily needs without Welfare; for protection without guns; from financial loss without insurance; and for justice without attorneys.

Only God can *change* our heart, and only Jesus can *forgive* our sins. Our part is a willingness to *allow* God to *bring* the necessary spiritual change. When we truly believe in Jesus, God gives us the gift of His Spirit—Who *inspires* faith in us.

We thank God every day for revealing His Truth to us, and for enabling us to share that message of hope by publishing of full-Truth literature. Of all the blessings for which we thank God, no gift could be greater than that of His *Son* Who shed His Blood to forgive our *sins*.

AV Ephesians 2:4 "God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, ⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us [made us alive NIV] together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved)."

God personally visited our world, and He told us in Person how to live by faith in Him for everyday things. Jesus said AV Matthew 6:19 "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth;" because His Father already *knows* what we need 6:32 and He will *supply* them when we *trust* Him.

He told us to treat *others* as we want *them* to treat *us* Matthew 7:12. He said we *must grow* in faith and *increase* in our knowledge of Him and His Truth, because AV Matthew 7:19 "Every tree that bringeth **not** forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire."

Greed is a serious sin that wants more and more but never says *thanks*, and never says *enough is enough*. If we would make a *list* of God's blessings, our heart would overflow with gratitude. All that He has given us is on *loan*—we just *enjoy* them and then *leave* them.

The apostle said, "The time is short" AV 1 Corinthians 7:29, then adds 30 "They that buy, as though they possessed not [just on loan]; 31 And they that use [things of NIV] this world, as not abusing it [not theirs to keep NIV]: For this world in its present form is passing away NIV."

Our purpose on earth is to *glorify* God, and we *glorify* Him when we *thank* Him for healing us; for protecting us; for providing our needs; for teaching us spiritual lessons of faith; and for giving us another day to praise His Name. God's mercies AV Lamentations 3:23 "Are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."

We have received so many blessings from God—*Too Many to Count*—with families, friends, food on the table, and faith in Jesus! We consider His innumerable blessings of—protection, provisions, and peace within our heart—His blessings

of health, healing, and His promise of eternal life by *keeping our faith in Him* every day for every thing.

Thanksgiving is a time when we gather around tables filled with food and with those who love us. It is never *too late* and never *too often* to thank God for all these blessings AV 1 Timothy 4:3 "Which [He] hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."

Jesus chose a mealtime to tell His disciples about important events that would later take place. He told them that if they would endure in their faith *in Him*, they would be in *Heaven with Him*. He said that anyone who has *left anything* for His sake and the kingdom's NKJV Matthew 19:29 "Shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life."

Millions give thanks on *Thursday*—but forget about their blessings on *Friday*. Israel thanked God *one* day and complained the *next*. AV Psalm 106:1 "Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever;" but soon NKJV 106:21 "They forgot God their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt."

Thousands of years have passed—and not much has changed. Millions take God's blessings for granted and then want more. With the Spirit's help, we can keep *thanking* God and keep *trusting* Him through every trial and test. AV Hebrews 10:23 "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)."

It is possible to meet tough things and circumstances as the Word of God says—it is just a *choice* we make by asking for the Lord's help. To forgive someone from the heart means we could invite them for dinner. 1 Peter 2:23 NLT Jesus "Did not retaliate when he was insulted. When he suffered, he did not threaten to get even. He left his case in the hands of God."

Even though blessings are *too many to count*, the devil still tries to discourage us about

something. The Israelites saw the *miracle of manna* every morning but asked for something else the next. God provided their needs again and again, yet they AV Psalm 106:24 “*Murmured in their tents and hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.*”

Satan wants to deceive us in some way—suggesting that faith is works and that we are saved by grace alone—not works. Obedience is not works because *faith* and *obedience* are never separated in Scripture.

God’s grace is *not* a license to sin Jude 1:4. True grace is WEY Titus 2:12 “*Training us to renounce ungodliness and all the pleasures of this world, and to live sober, upright, and pious lives at the present time.*”

Salvation by *faith* means trusting God *in faith*. It could be a financial need; physical healing; correcting an injustice or forgiving someone—but the *choice* to trust God to *supply* the need; to *heal* the affliction; to *change* the attitude; to *correct* the wrong, or *enable* us to forgive, is *our* decision, our choice, and our *responsibility* to *ask* God for His help.

Jesus healed ten lepers—who told them Luke 17:14 NIV “‘*Go, show yourselves to the priests.*’ And as they went, they were cleansed.” Acting in faith on *His word* was evidence they believed in *their hearts*.

After *being* healed, only *one* came back to say, *Thanks, Lord, for healing me*. Jesus asked Luke 17:17-19 NIV, “‘*Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?*’ He then told the grateful one: “*Your faith has made you well.*”

This coming Thursday can be just another holiday of *friends, food, and fun*, or we can take the time to say—*Thank You, Lord, for Your Blessings on me*. We can be like the nine who were healed and walked away; or like the *one* who came back to *thank the Lord for healing him*.

Forgiveness, peace, and salvation are gifts from God—who *gives* them to those who *trust* Him in faith on the Atonement Blood of the cross—for health and healing; for protection and peace; and for so much more. NKJV Romans 8:32 “*He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*”

Blessed beyond counting compels us to thank God every day for showing us any wrong attitude in our heart and then helping us to change it. AV 1 Thessalonians 5:18 “*In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*”

Bible reading should be *first* priority—because NKJV 2 Timothy 3:16 “*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness*”—a righteousness that is only by faith in the atoning Blood of Jesus.

A man met the *condition* for healing—he believed in the *Name* of Jesus, so he jumped up and praised God. WEY Acts 3:16 “*It is [Jesus’] name—faith in that name being the **condition**—which has strengthened this man whom you behold and know; and the faith which He has given has made this man sound and strong again.*”

God cannot change Malachi 3:6; James 1:17 so He will deliver, heal, protect, supply, forgive, and save anyone *today*—who will believe in faith and trust Him as that man did. The Blood of Christ is sufficient to atone for *all* the sins of *all* people in the world, but only a few are willing to believe and trust God YLT John 3:18—*believing* in Him means we are *not* judged.

To be righteous by faith, our *stated faith* must be linked to *acting faith* in God—for health and healing; food and forgiveness—and too many to count. Our faith is in NKJV Ephesians 1:19 “*The*

exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe.”

A believer in Jesus trusts God for protection from theft, injury, or loss—without depending on devices, alarms, or weapons Psalm 91. If finances are needed, we trust God in faith to supply the money without going into debt; and without hinting to anyone that we need money.

We are to *claim* our funds from our *bank* in Heaven. *Giving* to the poor and *claiming* our reward is God’s plan. NIV Luke 12:33 “*Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will **not** be exhausted.*”

If someone *steals* our money, *slanders* our name, or *insults* our family, we follow the instructions God gave us. NKJV Romans 12:19 “*Do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.*”

Jesus adds YLT Matthew 5:44-45 “*Love your enemies, bless those cursing you, do good to those hating you, and pray for those accusing you falsely, and persecuting you, that ye may be sons of your Father.*”

Meeting wrongs, insults, and false accusations in a scriptural way—is just one more way to trust God in faith each day. We are to be so thankful for the blessings—that are *too many to count*—that we thank God all *through* the day.

Let us consider the *Gift* and the *value* of it—God gave His *Son* to die on the cross; that enables the *conversion* of our heart; that gives us the *forgiveness* of sins we all need; and that *compels* us to forgive everyone else of anything they have ever done to us—leading to the promise of Paradise. Our blessings are simply *Too Many to Count!*



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