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"Set thee up waymarks" Jeremiah 31:21

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ELECTION DAY IN AMERICA NOVEMBER 2012 WHERE DO YOU STAND?

Have you ever noticed how many phrases have the word "stand" in them? The phrase "to be at a stand" means to be in doubt as to any further progress or not knowing what to do next. To "stand it out" is to persist. As a matter of fact, that's what the Latin "persosto" means. If you "stand up" for something, you are supporting it.

These are certainly good ideas when you apply them spiritually. The world is "at a stand" when it comes to the future, but the believer has fixed and sure hopes. Every Christian needs to "stand it out" in the midst of difficulty and trial, knowing that the Lord is with them (**Philippians 4:1**). Then we need to "stand up" and be counted for the truth of God's Word in a world that is "at a stand" spiritually.

There are many uses of the word "stand" in Scripture. The Greek word "histemi" means to set or to place. Scripture tells us that we have "access into this grace wherein we stand" (Romans 5:2). How thankful we should be for this precious standing. Paul uses the same word when he says, "for by faith ye stand" (2 Corinthians 1:24). Again, several times in Ephesians 6, we are told to "stand against the wiles of the Devil" (v 11), and "take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and have done

all, to stand. Stand therefore . . . (vv13-14a). The same word is used when we read that "the foundation of God standeth sure . .." (2 Timothy 2:19). Are you "taking your stand" for Christ? Are you "standing on the promises of God?"

Also we read of Christ's standing. In **Revelation 3:20** we read: "Behold I stand at the door and knock." What a pity that He Who was in the midst of the churches (**Revelation 1**) is on the outside, standing and knocking asking to come in. We should remember that He wants to come into our lives and settle down there. He wants to be Lord of our lives

Finally, there is a little Greek word, "steko," that means to stand firm. You can almost catch the idea from the sound of the word. We are urged to "stand fast in the faith" (1 Corinthians 16:13), to "stand fast in liberty" (Galatians 5:1), and to "stand fast in one spirit" (Philippians 1:27). Twice we see this little word "steko" used when we are told to "stand fast in the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 3:8; 2 Thessalonians 2:15)

There it is! Where do you stand?

— Charles Wagner

GIVE ACCOUNT OF YOUR STEWARDSHIP

A MONTH OF JOY AND HEARTACHE----SEPTEMBER 2012

When I left for South Africa on Wednesday. September 12, I did not dream that September 12 -28 would encompass events that would be both joyful and heart-breaking. The work in South Africa could not have gone better. It was a busy time with twelve prayer seminars in the Free State and in the North West Province Several times, we traveled over one hundred miles from Welkom (where Leslie Motsalane lives and the headquarters of JGHM Southern Africa Branch is located). As Leslie and I prayed about the next level for the ministry there, we both concluded that Leslie should launch the Southern Africa Prayer Fellowship to mobilize leaders for a prayer ministry that will unite Black pastors from each of the nine provinces of South Africa and other nations as well. An organizational meeting was scheduled for Bothaville, a central location, the second week of October. Certainly the time was fruitful. Many lives were touched including many pastors and church leaders.

Doug's illness and death. Sue and I had no idea that my brother had a health problem. Thus, his death came as a complete shock to us. On Friday, September 28, Sue met me at the Roanoke airport at 10 a.m. and in minutes we were on I-81 headed to Morristown/White Pine. Tennessee, my childhood home area. Around 3 p.m. we had his remains in our possession. Due to the condition of his body (he had been on the floor of his kitchen for several days, unable to move-in and out of consciousness) we chose cremation. The memorial service and interment were on my 77th birthday, September 30, at our family plot in the Sandy Ridge cemetery (Hill's Union United Methodist Church) in Jefferson County. Although I have few family members left, nieces, nephew, and cousins were present. The Holy Spirit strengthened and comforted us just as Jesus promised that He would.

Tribute to my brother Douglas Wayne Henry White Pine, Tennessee 1/4/1945 9/19/2012

When the sad word came to me on Friday, September 14, that my only living brother, Doug, had been found on the floor of his kitchen and was hospitalized in critical condition, I was shocked beyond words; soon he fell into a coma. Being 8,000 miles away in the midst of a series of twelve prayer seminars in South Africa, my first impulse was to head home. My prayer was that we could have one more conversation. The decision was to continue the seminars and wait. Without gaining consciousness, Doug died at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 19.

During the past few years, Doug kept up with my schedule and was a faithful Doorkeeper. His knowledge and perception of world places and events was mind-boggling. Neither Sue nor I could ever figure out the source of his unusual ability. He adjusted well to the computer age and kept Sue's e-mail box supplied with quality communications. He was a patriot to the fullest degree. His love and concern for America were incredible. It is hard to grasp that he is gone and that I am the only one left of my birth family.

What an incredible shock it was to a nine year-old boy on January 4, 1945, when his forty-five year old mother presented him with a brother. I had a little brother! What a joy he brought to all of us as he joined our family. Watching

Developments

A few family health-related issues have caused us us to clear our fourth quarter schedule for a season of concerted prayer and Bible reading to get our bearings for the future.

Doug's death. As the nearest of kin, there are a number of things that must be done to close out his estate. Thank God for the "peace that passes all understanding" that comes after an extended period in the Word of God. Nevertheless, the responsibility is mine.

. Sue. We must address a developing problem with some memory loss. After "testing" prior to my leaving for South Africa, our physician concluded there was nothing seriously wrong but Sue is increasingly uncomfortable. One possible approach is for her to travel with me on all the trips to conduct prayer seminars.

For several years, Sue has battled a stiff neck, a condition that she thought was congenital based on her mother's experience (stooped over prior to her death). Both our doctor and a specialist feel it is something that is treatable. The pain has grown increasingly more intense. She has begun a series of injections. We are praying that God will remove this pain (even with physician/medication assistance) and that such will bring Him glory. We are praying in accordance to James 4:2b-3. Please put Sue on your daily prayer list.

Melody. A neurological critical care nurse, our youngest child is scheduled for a double mastectomy on November 2.

Generally, we set aside the month of December to close out a year and prepare for the new year. I have canceled all commitments for the remainder of the year including the Cuban November prayer seminars. On January 1, 2013, we hope to resume our normal schedule.

him grow up and assume his role in life was interesting and rewarding. His care for Mom and Dad was exemplary. As I waited before the Lord during the hours before Doug's death, memories flooded my mind and spirit. Even when I was teaching, I kept thinking "Doug, Doug, Doug." My heart is so sad as I write this tribute.

Sue and I have shared thoughts related to Doug. We did not know that he had become diabetic because he did not tell us. Even during our last visit, there was no indication that we would never see him alive again. Sue reminded me that he had made his profession of faith when he was visiting us when he was a youth. His interest in the impact of the prayer seminar ministry assured me that his heart was on eternal matters.

Knowing Doug has joined that great cloud of witnesses gives me joy. Knowing that he has had a "glad reunion" with our parents and other siblings causes us to look forward to joining them.

Time to make an open stand

Making an open stand against all ungodliness which overspreads our land as a flood is one of the noblest ways of confessing Christ in the face of His enemies.

John Wesley

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TOUGH, ALWAYS
REMEMBER--FAITH
DOESN'T GET YOU
AROUND TROUBLE, IT
GETS YOU THROUGH IT.

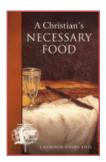
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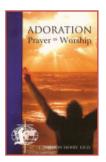
JGHM is, and has always been, a faith ministry. This means that we do not "charge" for any aspect of our ministry including our print ministry. As an extension of the prayer seminar ministry, I have written a number of books, actually to flesh out ideas shared in the seminar. For example, we often talk about the passage every believer should master, John 13, **14, 15, 16, 17** (known as the Upper Room Discourse) to call attention to the points Jesus made with His disciples a few hours before His crucifixion. The points He made are the ones that will provide us with help we need to walk the Christian life and to serve Him. Thus. I have written a book (my favorite) entitled the Upper **Room Discourse.** Since the foundational doctrine after one becomes a Christian is an understanding of the Holy Spirit, Dr.

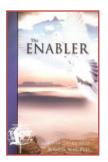
Robert Witty and I wrote a book on the Holy Spirit entitled **The Enabler.** There is a book entitled **Adoration: Prayer as Worship.** Another is **Intercession: Prayer as Work.**.

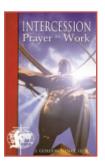
Since Jesus Himself encapsulated His teaching on prayer in a model prayer (which is a pattern for our own praying), I have a book entitled **The Model Prayer**. Since we are in a spiritual war from the moment we become a Christian, God's provisions for our defense is discussed in **Spiritual Warfare**.

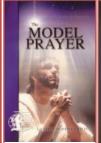
A foundational book deals with Bible reading. The title is A Christian's Necessary Food. For new believers, I have a booklet, Hey! I'm Saved! For generation inspiration, there is Notes from My Bible. Remember, we do not sell the books, but rely on contributions to help meet the costs of production and distribution.

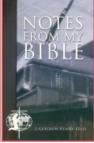


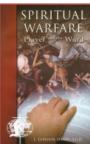
















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Praying with Thanksgiving R. A. Torrey

There are two words often overlooked in the lesson about prayer which Paul gives us in **Philippians 4:6-7**: "In nothing be anxious; with thanksgiving by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus" (R.V.). The two important words often overlooked are, "WITH THANKSGIVING."

Doubtless one reason why so many of our prayers lack power is because we have neglected to return thanks for blessings already received. If any one were to constantly come to us asking help from us, and should never say, "Thank you" for the help thus given, we would soon tire of helping one so ungrateful. Doubtless our heavenly Father, out of a wise regard for our highest welfare, oftentimes refuses to answer petitions that we send up to Him in order that we may be brought to a sense of our ingratitude and taught to be thankful.

God is deeply grieved by the thanklessness and ingratitude, of which so many of us are guilty. When Jesus healed the ten lepers and only one came back to give Him thanks, in wonderment and pain He exclaimed, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?" (Luke 17:17).

How often must He look down upon us in sadness at our forgetfulness of His repeated blessings, and His frequent answer to our prayers.

Returning thanks for blessings already received increases our faith and enables us to approach God with new boldness and new assurance. As we reflect upon the wondrous goodness of God toward us on the one hand, and on the other hand upon the little thought and strength and time that we ever put into thanksgiving, we may well

humble ourselves before God and confess our sin.

Mighty men of prayer in the Bible were much given to thanksgiving and praise. David was a mighty man of prayer, and how his psalms abound with thanksgiving and praise. The apostles, mighty men of prayer. "were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God." Paul was a mighty man of prayer, and how often in his epistles he bursts out in definite thanksgiving to God for definite blessings and definite answers to prayers. Jesus is our model in prayer as in everything else. His manner of returning thanks at the simplest meal was so noticeable that two of His disciples recognized Him by this after His resurrection.

Thanksgiving is one of the inevitable results of being filled with the Holy Spirit and one who does not learn "in everything to give thanks" cannot continue to pray in the Spirit. If we would learn to pray with power we would do well to let these two words sink deep into our hearts: "WITH THANKSGIVING."

A SUGGESTION

The format and size of the Reflector was chosen to make it easy to place your copy in your study Bible to use it during your Quiet Hour. Use the Reflector in family devotions sharing thoughts. Use it to pray regularly for the Doorkeepers and for the prayer seminar ministry.

GOD BLESS THE USA!

The **Reflector**, in its 58th year, is the primary item in our printed ministry. For the past few years, our goal has been to emphasize the purpose and power or prayer in the monthly paper. Our desire is to provide encouragement and help for believers in their spiritual walk. We have often used the Scripture, "speaking the truth in love" to characterize the spirit of our articles. People frequently share that an article or issue has blessed them and ask if we need financial

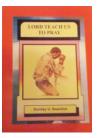
Regular support provided by the **Doorkeepers** make it possible to operate as a faith ministry and, during this thanksgiving season, I am particularly appreciative of our partners. The answer to the matter of financial help is that we do need help and firmly believe that the Holy Spirit will stir hearts to help.

help. The truth is that this publication is a

key part of our faith-based ministry.



There is no doubt about it. **The Prayer Seminar Workbook** is the basic tool. Since it was written in 1978 to prepare prayer warriors for a 24/7 prayer chapel ministry, every effort was made to provide biblical teaching from a practical viewpoint. The workbook has been translated into many languages. Again, through the prayer and financial support of our **Doorkeepers**, we have been able to provide prayer seminar workbooks that are being used by many groups around the world.



NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 2116. Wisdom is developing the attitude of gratitude.

Note 2117. Daily prescription for a heavy heart: count your blessings and try thanksgiving.

Note 2118. Thanksgiving does not change God; He will never be any greater than He already is.

Note 2119. Thanksgiving does not change God; it changes us.

Note 2120. Practical suggestion: Daily choose one blessing from each area of life (physical, material, spiritual, people) and tell God why you are thankful.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

DOORKEEPER REPORT

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

1 Thessalonians 1:2

August 25-October 10, 2012

 Regular
 65
 \$4,563.00

 South Africa
 27
 3,750.25

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 62
 \$8,313.25



THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!
Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:9

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE! BRIGHTEN THE CORNER WHERE YOU ARE!

PRAYER CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2012

"I will give myself to prayer..." **Psalm 109:4b**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

ACTS 1-4 (Cuba 11.1M)

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL) Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)

Mae Adams (NC)

Marie Adams (VA)

Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)

Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)

Norma Ailes (FL)

H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

ACTS 5-7 (Cuba 11.1M) Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

Milcie Arnold (VA)

Leonor Avila (MD)

Bill & Karen Baker (OK)

Consuela Baker (NC)

Mike & Joyce Baker (VA

Walter & Marilyn Barry (VA) Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 ACTS 8-9 (Cuba 11.1M)

Carter Mylam Baynes (NC) Jean Beasley (TN)

Tommy Bell (TN)

Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)

Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)

Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)

Beverly Blankenship (TN)

Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)

Bob Bouchard (KY)

William & Debbie Bowden (MD)

David & Marna Boyd (OR)

Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)

Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)

Emilee & Kim Bradshaw (VA)

Nancy Bretz (PA)

Jim & Judy Britt (GA)

Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5 ACTS 10-12 (Cuba 11.1M)

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)

Mary Ann Brown (CA)

Thomas & Norma Brown (NC)

Arretta Bruce (TN)

Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)

Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE) Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

George & Carol Buck (NJ)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

ACTS 13-15 (Cuba 11.1M)

Janice Bugg (TN/Chin)

James Burk (IL)

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)

Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Mary Campbell (ID)

Laura Cannon (FL)

Joeretha Capers (FL)

Bob & Evelyn Casey (FL) David & Martha Cecil (VA)

Manship Chapel (DE)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

ACTS 16-18 (Cuba 11.1M)

Gus & Janice Christofield (VA)

Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)

Margarie Coffee (VA)

Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)

Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)

Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)

Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

Beverly Curtis (PA)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8 ACTS 19-20 (Cuba 11.1M)

Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)

Ida J. Davis (GA)

John & Margaret Davis (VA)

Lelia Dean (FL)

Harold & Tama Decker (NY)

Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)

Mary J. Dugans (LA)

Ivy Early (NC) Walt Edwards (NC)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

ACTS 21-(Cuba 11.1M)

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA) Lynn Elkins (TN)

Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)

Larry & Cara Fields (VA) Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)

Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

Estelle Gabbard (KY)

Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA)

Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)

Frank Geiger (HI)

Robert & Sara George (GA)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 ACTS 24-26 (Cuba 11.1M)

Gloucester Co. Community Church Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)

Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)

Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)

Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND) Sam & Michele Graisbery (NJ)

Odether Gray (GA)

Linda Gregory (UT)

Tim & Merry Gregory (Taiwan) Charles Hale (VA)

George & Joy Harper (VA)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)

Jim & Joyce Hengoed (FL/CT)

Bruce/&Gina Henry (VA)

J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

Jacqueline Henry (VA) Jamey Henry (MS)

Mark Henry (TN) Melody Henry (VA)

Roger & Sara Henry (OH)

Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12 ACTS 27-28 (Cuba 11.1M)

Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)

Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)

Joanna Holland (VA)

John & Glenda Holland (VA)

Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)

Anita Horton (VA)

Mike & Sonva Hosick (VA)

Sam & Linda Hough (VA)

Coy Hunsucker (NC) Joyce Hunt (TN)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

ROMANS 1-3 (Cuba 11.1M) Wilbert & Almaretta Hupp (PA)

Ed Hurlow (IN)

H. J. Hutchins (LA)

Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)

Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)

Gene & Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

Millicent John (NY)

Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY) WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

ROMANS 4-5 (Cuba 11.1M)

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Richard & Betsy Johnson (TN)

Robert/Rhonda Johnson (FL)

Dave & Debbie Jones (VA) James & Geneieve Jones (FL)

Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)

W I & Eloise Jones (SC)

Jean Jonte (SC) Shem/Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

ROMANS 6-8 (Cuba 11.1M) Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)

Mohan Katta (IL)

Howard & Suzie Kauffmann (GA) Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA)

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South Africa September 12-28, 2012

New look at Southern Africa

When the invitation came to conduct seminars in 1995, I began to focus on this part of the world. Having become acquainted with Operation World as a guide for praying for the nations a few years earlier, this book was my beginning point. The population of South Africa is around 50 million (79% Black, 9% White, 9% Colored, 3% Asian). Thirty-one percent are under the age of fifteen. Life expectancy is 51.5 years. Literacy is listed at 82.4%, but lower in practice. Outside the cities are Black townships. Skirting the townships are shantytowns. When we first started coming to South Africa, these corrugated tin shanties stretched as far as the eye can see. During the past few years, housing construction projects for these people have sprung up. These are usually two rooms and a bath with electricity. Income per person is \$5,685 (12% of USA), but there is a big disparity between the wealthy and poor. Unemployment is officially listed as 27% but in reality, it is much higher with one-third of the population living below \$2 (US) a day.

South Africa is the richest and most industrialized country in Africa, with a strong agricultural base and some of the world's largest non-petroleum minerals (gold, platinum, chrome, and diamonds).

God has called JGHM to work in the Black townships, teaching pastors,

leaders, and people about the purpose and power of prayer. From the beginning, the prayer seminar workbooks have been well received; believers are grateful for a prayer seminar workbook and see it as a tool to help them grown in their Christian lives. Most have never had systematic teaching. Many do not even own a Bible.

2012

The dates for the 2012 visit were September 12-28. There were twelve prayer seminars in two of the nine provinces: Free State and North West Province, A decision was made to print 1,000 prayer seminar workbooks in the United States due to the exorbitant cost of printing in South Africa. Although we did not expect 1,000 participants (the seminars were scheduled in indigenous churches in the Black Townships), we wanted several hundred available for Leslie to use in future seminars. Hundreds attended, including a number of pastors from many churches; e.g., in one seminar there were six churches who came together and all six pastors were present. Although a prayer seminar is different from an evangelist crusade, seventy-two were saved. Leslie's wife, Tabitha, made the following observation: "When a person is saved in a local church, he often fades as time passes. When a person is saved during a prayer seminar, he or she becomes grounded in the Word with much information about the Christian life."







THE FUTURE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

For several years, we have been talking about the right time to launch a fellowship of pastors who will provide assistance in calling out prayer warriors and teaching them. It was decided that the time is now. Since we have conducted myriad prayer seminars in each of the nine provinces (states) in South Africa and in many surrounding nations, the following structure will be implemented.

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SOUTHERN AFRICA PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

BIBLICAL GUIDELINE: ZECHARIAH 8:20-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Peoples shall yet come, Inhabitants of many cities; the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, 'Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, and seek the LORD OF HOSTS, I myself will go also.' Yes, many peoples and strong nations shall come and seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem [substitute with the city names in Southern Africa], and to pray before the Lord."

PURPOSE: The Southern Africa Prayer Fellowship (**SAPF**) is to mobilize and train prayer warriors to provide a prayer covering for each church, each city, each state, and each nation.

THEME: PRAYER IS THE WORK THAT MUST COME BEFORE ALL OTHER WORK (JOHN 14:12-14).

HOW:

- 1. To call forth teachers (who will be called "associates") willing to follow the example of Ezra ["For Ezra prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach statutes and ordinances to Israel" (Ezra 7:10)] and teach believers the purpose and power of prayer.
- 2. To encourage each believer and each church to become a lighthouse of prayer.

ISRAEL WAS GOD'S IDEA.

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM: MAY
THEY PROSPER WHO LOVE YOU.

Psalm 122:6

Thanksgiving therapy

"I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

David wrote these words in **Psalm 34:1**. He uses words like "at all times" and "continually." Here is a man who is in the habit of being thankful to God and it is a good one. It did something for his life. You see, attitudes definitely affect our lives. Good attitudes are like medicine; they kill the germs in our spiritual system and make us healthier and happier.

Thanksgiving is great therapy. It has a healing power that does miracles in the human personality. Most of us are thankful at one time or another; but we aren't really thankful *at all times*. Consequently, we have our emotional and spiritual ups and downs and God never wanted us to live this way.

What keeps us from being thankful at all times? The biggest cause is **unbelief**. We just cannot see how some situations and experiences will work out for our good. We don't really believe the promises of God. We believe only those promises that seem to fit into our situation, and only when the situation is an agreeable one.

Jesus Christ did not live that way. He lived in constant gratitude to the Father, even for the difficult things of life. When you and I are really yielded to God's will, obeying His Word, we have to believe that God is working all things together for our good. **Romans 8:28** doesn't say that we

see all things working together for good; rather, it says that we know all things are working together for good. The man of faith is a thankful man. No matter what comes to his life, he is able to look up to his Heavenly Father and say, "Thank you, Father."

This kind of faith doesn't grow overnight. Just as a little child learns to trust his father and mother, so the new believer in Christ must learn to trust the Heavenly Father. This kind of trust comes from fellowship. The more we walk with God, the better we learn to depend on Him. This means daily reading the Bible and daily prayer. It means a steady diet of worship and service.

As we learn more about Jesus, we love Him more; and the more we love Him, the easier it is to trust Him. And the more we trust God, the more thankful we are for what He brings into our lives. We may not always understand what He is doing, but because we trust Him, we can thank Him. Try thanksgiving regardless of your situation. You will soon learn the therapy of thanksgiving. You will awaken to a thrilling new life of joy and peace when thanksgiving becomes the guiding principle of your life. Remember, thanksgiving does not change God and His love for you; thanksgiving changes you. Let's join the psalmist: "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits" (**Psalm 103:2**).

In God We Trust.
Protect us by Thy Might.
GOD BLESS AMERICA.



THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER

Living in Jesus' kingdom calls for us to be decisive on moral issues. We must determine what is right and do it. It is time to take a stand!

Reflections from our mailbox

Dear Dr. Henry and Ms. Sue,

How are you and everything? It has been awhile since we left the U. S. We have settled well back in our home church. I realized that you were born in the same year as my parents (1935). As you grow older, your ministry grows stronger and higher. Happy Birthday, Dr. Henry. We will never forget your love for us. We are so thankful for the **Reflector magazine**. It reminds us what we should focus on each month.

Hoping to see you again.

WonSub and YoungMi Sheen, South Korea

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George Washington A Daily Prayer

Almighty God, We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep [the United States] in Thy holy protection: that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation.

Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

WHEN YOU ARE THINKFUL, YOU WILL BE THANKFUL!