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## SPIRITUAL LIFE & MESSAGE

### DEVOTIONAL FOR NOVEMBER 2019

Opening Song: Thank You, Lord

*Thank you Lord, Thank you Lord, Thank you Lord, I just want to thank you Lord  
Thank you Lord, Thank you Lord, Thank you Lord, I just want to thank you Lord  
Been so good, Been so good, Been so good, I just want to thank you Lord  
Been my friend, Been my friend, Been my friend, I just want to thank you Lord  
I just want to thank, I just want to thank, I just want to thank, I just want to thank you Lord*

Prayer: (As the Spirit Leads)

**Scripture:** Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Col 3:16-17 <sup>(NIV)</sup>

### **Meditation: "Thank You for the Gift"**

It was Thanksgiving Day, and all the members of the Merrill clan had finally arrived at Aunt Nan's house for dinner. The day started with the two-hour drive to Aunt Nan's, followed by Thanksgiving Day service at her church, and then a three-hour wait for Uncle Cleo and his family to arrive for a 2:00 p.m. dinner. Now, at last, everyone was seated around the dinner table. Lissa was bursting at the seams, awaiting her turn to express one thing for which she was thankful. Finally, it was her turn, and like water flowing over a dam, she blurted out, "I'm thankful Uncle Cleo got here early because I'm really hungry."

November, the eleventh month of the year, the beginning of the end of year count down, the beginning of what I consider an extended holiday that begins on Thanksgiving Day. A day that memorializes several events observed by the Pilgrims and Puritans thanking God for His abundant blessings, to include the feast shared by the Pilgrims and the native Americans in 1621. My extended holiday ends on New Year's Day, a day which most view as a day to end unwanted behaviors and begin a more positive life style.

This year, my extended holiday will begin on November 28<sup>th</sup>. On this date in the United States of America, many people, families and friends,

will gather to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Although not all, most of these festivities will be Christian celebrations where the participants will take time to thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon them throughout the year.

Many will be thankful for family, sustenance, healing and tangible items. Others will be thankful for promotions, friendships, and achievements. There will be some who will cogitate beyond the most recent 365 days, and thank God for the greatest gift ever given. Yes, some will consider the sacrifice that was made some 2000+ years ago, and thank God for the sacrifice of His Only Son, Jesus Christ, for the sins of this world.

As we observe Thanksgiving Day 2019, let us remember to thank God for our salvation through Jesus Christ.

**Closing Prayer:** Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the promise of eternal life that was given through Your Only Son, Jesus Christ. Please continue to allow Your Holy Spirit to soften our hearts, humble our minds, and never let us forget the many blessings you have bestowed upon us.

*Challenge: Throughout your daily routine, stop all activity and tell God thank you for one blessings He has given you.*