

Thankful For What I've Learned In Life...

Article submitted by Jon Sheppard



I've learned....That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
 I've learned....That when you're in love, it shows.
 I've learned....That just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.
 I've learned....That being kind is more important than being right.
 I've learned....That to ignore the truth does not change the truth.
 I've learned....That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in any other way.
 I've learned....That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
 I've learned....That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular!
 I've learned....That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
 I've learned....That love, not time, heals all wounds.
 I've learned....That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
 I've learned....That life is tough, but, with GOD...I'm tougher (Philippians 4:13)!
 I've learned....That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.
 I've learned....That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
 I've learned....That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
 I've learned....That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks; frowning gives you wrinkles!
 I've learned....That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.
 I've learned....That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it. Hoping this article finds you more THANKFUL!

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 By Barbara Carmack

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"Thankfulness is Contagious!"

by Barbara Carmack

It happened when David brought the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. It happened when King Darius saw that the lions had not eaten Daniel in the den overnight. It happened when Mary came to visit Elizabeth and John leaped in her womb. It happened when the wise men from the east saw the star that led them to the Messiah - JESUS. It happened when JESUS raised up the dead girl. It happened when JESUS rose from the grave...a Spirit of Thankfulness swept through all those people who saw the great and awesome acts of GOD - Thankfulness!

Do you know that your attitude is contagious...and your attitude affects people either negatively and positively. Just check it out; an experiment: When you meet people today, take with you an inspiring story that you heard or read and relate it to people you meet...or stick out your hand and shake their hand really firmly. See what their reactions are when you give something of substance to people around you. Do they go away grumpy? Or do they say, "Wow, I needed that today!" I hope that you will understand how important your attitude is in the spreading of the Good News in your world.

Do you believe in and live the verse in I Thessalonians 5:18, "In everything give Thanks, for this is the will of GOD, in Christ JESUS, concerning you"? If you believe that verse then you know that "...for the child of GOD, there are only two realities-blessings and blessings in disguise. Sometimes the blessings are very well disguised, but they remain blessings nevertheless. Hold on to this...and learn to see and believe through the disguises. And remember, it only looks like a battlefield; but in the end, you will see it as it always was - a field of blessings where even your greatest adversities were...in the end, your blessings in disguise. Give thanks today for all your blessings, for all your blessings in disguise - those of the past and the still-disguised blessings of the present." (Jonathan Cahn Book of Mysteries - Day 231)

The attitude of Thanksgiving is an outward show of your inward love for GOD. The church has lost its attitude about the majesty and honor of GOD. It is time that the Believers take time every day...He doesn't require you to raise your hands and praise Him 24 hours....In the 168 hours in a week, can you give him 7 hours of praise and thanksgiving? "Enter into His Gates with Thanksgiving....Give thanks to the LORD for HE IS GOOD...His Loving-kindness is everlasting...and His Truth endures forever!" (Ps. 100)

Words from "An Attitude of Gratitude" - page 4: "LORD GOD, I Praise You and Thank You, LORD of heaven and earth, for You have demonstrated Your Power and Might in my life! You have promised that You will be with me in times of great pressure and distress, and You will meet every need. You have proven Yourself true...and sending your Son, JESUS, has given me confidence that I have the Authority over ALL the power of the enemy....THANK YOU, FATHER, in JESUS' Mighty Name, Amen!"

"Thankful for YOU"



Thankful For... ISRAEL!

"GOD commanded the Jewish people to celebrate the harvests of the Promised Land...but in AD 70, the land of Israel was destroyed, and the Jewish people were scattered to the ends of the earth. There were no more harvests, no more grain or fruits to be gathered. But even though they had no more harvests, they kept celebrating them anyway. They celebrated non-existent barley harvests, gave Thanks for non-existent fruit harvests, and rejoiced over non-existent vines overflowing with non-existent grapes. And then something just as strange happened. After 2,000 years of celebrating the non-existent harvests, the non-existent harvest reappeared on the earth."



Islam was never a religion of peace; Islam is the religion of fighting - Jihad! No one should believe that the war that we are waging is the war of the Islamic state...it is the war of all Muslims...ALL Muslims, but the Islamic State is spearheading it. It is the war of Muslims against Infidels." ISIS leader Abu Bahr Al-Bagdadi (May 2015)

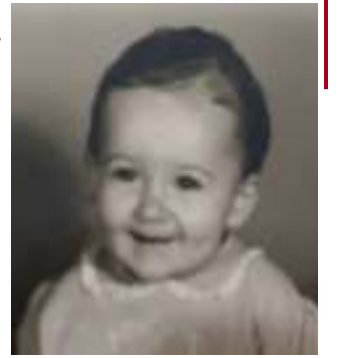
The children of this world rejoice after seeing their blessings. But the children of the Kingdom do the opposite: they celebrate 'before' the blessing! Don't wait to see your blessings in order to rejoice...rejoice and you will see your blessings. Don't wait for the gift to come in order to give thanks; give thanks, and the gift will come. Don't wait until your circumstances are right in order to celebrate. Celebrate anyway, and it will be right. Don't wait for the victory to be won in order to become victorious; Praise Victoriously, and the Victory will be won! Learn the secret of Israel's mystery harvests. Celebrate the blessings you don't yet see; celebrate the harvest you don't have...and you will have a harvest to celebrate!" (Book of Mysteries - Day 126)

Pray for safety for Israel - U.S. ally

Thankful for 66 Years of GOD's Planning...

By Linda Bollinger, OR

I was born in California, then adopted at the age of 4 and sent on a plane to Portland, OR. I finally decided to turn in a DNA sample to Ancestry because I had wondered about my ethnicity for many years; found out I'm 75% British. I received a DNA match with a "first cousin". I told him in emails that I was adopted and gave him my birth name and my mother's name from the adoption papers. He said he would like to call his grandmother, and then she called me. She asked me a couple of questions and finally said, "I know who you are...you're my daughter!" We had not spoken or seen each other in 66 years. I told her I would like to visit her and she said, "Don't take too long; after all I'm 97." In June I flew to California to visit her. She is mentally sharp and lives in independent housing. We had a great visit and felt very comfortable with each other.



Now if this isn't a GOD thing, I don't know what is. One of my regrets at being adopted at 4 years of age - no baby pictures...but she saved all my baby pictures. The LORD surely knows the desires of our hearts. Sometimes when we have a special present for someone, we can't wait until they open it; I picture GOD setting this up 66 years ago, and when May and June rolled around this year, He was so excited because it was time to reveal "the Gift."

I also had a full brother, two years younger and we were both placed for adoption. I was adopted by a Christian couple in Portland. Two years later, my little brother and his adoptive mother were drowned in a boating accident. GOD kept me alive "for such a time as this". Meeting my birth mother gave me closure that she did the right thing so many years ago, and meeting her now was a high-light of my life! We both give glory to GOD for His care and love and faithfulness in spite of the decisions that were made!

"What if you woke up TODAY with only the things that you thanked GOD for YESTERDAY?"



"Thank You, LORD, for saving my soul....Thank You, LORD, for making me whole....



Thank You, LORD, for giving to me Thy Great Salvation so Full and Free!"

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Well, it's been a few months, and I'm getting adjusted to the new Xerox Printer - #C8030. And because of your unselfish and generous hearts...IT'S PAID FOR! Yes! And every day when I go to the office, I lay my hands on this machine, thanking GOD for YOU! I had to get used to the new monitor and the codes that run this machine. It's like teaching an old dog new tricks :) But I am so thankful to be able to give you an up-to-date newsletter and other materials from this machine. I am able to scan and print copies and do the work that GOD has sent me to do. One thing that GOD has led me to do is to pray for you every day, and some of you I pray for several times a day. What are you up to that you get GOD's attention so often in a day? :) You Pow'r Partners are a Joy to me and I pray that many more of you will join in and give on a regular monthly basis. GOD will bless you for your consistent and regular giving to Call To Freedom. I love you and wish you every blessing in Christ JESUS! As John says in III John 2, **"Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health as your soul prospers."**



Thankful for Home of Refuge!

Home Of Refuge Saving the Lost...Loving the Unlovable



When we arrived in Peru, we first visited Santa Maria's Orphanage in Lima, supplying them with our monthly support, and securing another month of college for Will. During that visit, we ministered to five young men who had been selected as apprentices...training to serve in the orphanage. Three of them were raised in the home themselves, while the other two came from the jungles of Iquitos, Peru. Tony prayed with them, leading them to

JESUS, and encouraging them to serve the LORD with all their hearts. Your financial and prayerful partnership with us in this ministry has helped change the eternal destiny of these five young men.

We left the orphanage and went to the mountainous area of Cuzco, where the hearts are hungry to hear more about the Word of GOD. The next morning we went to Cardonpata, where the community has expressed interest in building a chapel where they will hear the "Good News". The wife of the president of the village was in attendance, and they seem eager to speak with their president about building a chapel in their town. People who have never heard the Word of GOD are hungry to know more about their Creator...and because of your generous and loving heart for missions, we are able to tell them....Thank you!! Love, Tony & Rosa, Home of Refuge - PERU



Tony & Rosa ministering to villagers