

BEING THANKFUL EVEN IN BAD TIMES

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"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

I CAN ALWAYS THANK GOD . . .

1. FOR _____

"You have been saved by grace through believing. You did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God." Ephesians 2:8 (NCV)

"I will . . . not forget the glorious things he does for me. He forgives all my sins. He heals me. He ransoms me from hell. He surrounds me with loving-kindness. . . . He fills my life with good things! . . . He is merciful and tender toward those who don't deserve it; he is slow to get angry. . . . He never bears a grudge. . . . He has not punished us as we deserve for our sins." Psalm 103:2-10 (TLB)

2. FOR _____

"I have good plans for you, say the Lord. I don't plan to hurt you. I plan to give you hope and a good future." Jeremiah 29:11 (ICB)

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who[a] have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28 (NIV)

3. FOR _____

"I will never leave you and I will never abandon you." Hebrews 13:5 (NET)

"When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up—the flames will not consume you." Isaiah 43:2 (TLB)

4. FOR _____

"We also have joy with our troubles, because we know that these troubles produce patience. 4 And patience produces character, and character produces hope." Romans 5:3-4 (NCV)

"For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him." Philippians 2:13 (NLT)

"As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him." 2 Corinthians 3:18 (TLB)

"But he said to me, 'My grace is enough for you. When you are weak, my power is made perfect in you.' So I am very happy to brag about my weaknesses. Then Christ's power can live in me." 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NCV)

5. FOR _____

Jesus: "If that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." John 14:2-3 (NIV)

"Then the King will say, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.'" Matthew 25:34 (NIV)

"God has reserved for his children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And God, in his mighty power, will make sure that you get there safely to receive it because you are trusting him. . . . So be truly glad!" 1 Peter 1:4-6 (TLB)

"We often suffer, but we are never crushed. Even when we don't know what to do, we never give up. In times of trouble, God is with us, and when we are knocked down, we get up again. . . . We know that God raised the Lord Jesus to life. And just as God raised Jesus, he will also raise us to life. Then he will bring us into his presence together with you." 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 14 (CEV)

"So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever." 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NLT)

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