GRATITUDE

(EDITOR’S NOTE: I have had a few days off because I had a pacemaker installed on the 17th of June. I have so much for which to be grateful. I turned 82 on June 9th and am still able to do my work on the radio and writing. I am indebted to many brethren and churches for their support and without which I could not do it.)

The dictionary says gratitude is: “the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness:”

The Bible teaches us to “I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify him with thanksgiving.” (Psalm 69:30)

There are so many things for which we should be thankful. Reading the prayers of characters in the Old Testament should be helpful to us. They knew how to express gratitude to God.

I am thankful to my Father in heaven for those who gave me life and taught me the principles by which to live.
I am thankful for the brothers and sisters they gave me because they taught me love, cooperation, sharing, sportsmanship and such.
I am thankful for the three children I had, two boys and a girl, who enriched my life beyond measure, and taught me selfless caring.
I am thankful for the church, that has been my primary interest for over 65 years of my life, for their love, helpfulness, concern, gratitude, and all the others things Christians are.
I am thankful for all the brethren I have worked with who have helped me beyond measure in my work and personal life.
I am thankful for long time friends in the church without whom my life and work would have been a lot more difficult.
I am thankful for the love and confidence of members of the body who have buoyed my spirits when in difficulty.
This could go on forever, but you get the idea.
I am thankful for medical people, their equipment and their desire to
promote my health over the years. Above all, I am thankful for life, the quality, the challenge, the longevity, that at age 82, I am still preaching.

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