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Hummin' With Howard



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Give Thanks

As we enter the month of November I can't help but think of how blessed I am. I serve a loving God, I'm part of His loving church, I have a loving family and a loving wife. I have clothes to wear, food to eat and a roof over my head (and it's paid for).

All through scriptures we are encouraged to "give thanks." Those two words are usually followed by "His loves endures forever" or "for His unfailing love." We are to give thanks because we have a God who loves us. What more could we ask for?

The Apostle Paul takes it a step further when he writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:18: ***18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*** If I understand what Paul means by "all circumstances" we are to give thanks in whatever we are going through whether good or bad.

In 2 Chronicles 20:21 (one of my favorite passages) Jehoshaphat appointed singers to go out in front of the army as they went into battle and sing "Give thanks to the Lord for His love endures forever." At face value, that is an unusual time to give thanks when you're about to go into battle and face your enemy.

So may I encourage you to set your cell phone down, turn off the TV and whether you feel like it or not, take time to stop and "give thanks." The hymn "Count Your Blessings" was originally written for children to do just that. Let's push away the sorrows, troubles, feelings and hurts and turn our hearts toward our loving God. Let's make a list of our blessings and give thanks. When we do that I believe we will be hummin' a happier tune.



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