

## Pastor's Weekly Devotional- November 26, 2014

### **“Giving Thanks Always”**

Some years ago, I was asked to speak at a Methodist Church. I was astounded when at a certain point in the service, person after person stood up and thanked God for various parts of their bodies. At first, I was flabbergasted but I soon recognized that each person who stood up had a body part that was not functioning. Never in my life (unto this time), had I ever taken time to thank God for my eyes, hands, feet, etc. Now I do!

From this experience, I learned the following lessons:

- Thanksgiving is a Mindset and Activity. You recognize the goodness of God and you declare it in prayer and share it with others.
- Thanksgiving is not a once-a-year event for the believer, it is an ongoing everyday celebration of the goodness of God.
- Thanksgiving is not indefinable nor is it theoretical. Being alive. Being able to move. Being able to work. Having a wonderful family – are all “everyday” practical reasons for a thankful heart.
- On Thanksgiving Day there will be lots of leftovers. Lots of dirty dishes. Leftovers because you have More Than Enough. Dirty Dishes because you had utensils to use. Just think of the millions around the world who do not have anything much to eat much less leftovers. No utensils to use. So don't be thankful for the turkey and with all that comes with it for today alone, but be thankful even for the Mess. It means you are blessed. Blessed with an overflow. Be thankful.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving. Just a reminder that this Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent.

May this Thanksgiving be your best ever!  
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