

Messenger of Truth

"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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Take For Granted

"Appreciate what you have, before it turns into what you had." – unknown

"Never take for granted those you love, those you rely on, those you need the most because one day you may turn around and they will be gone." – unknown

"Someone is praying for the things you take for granted...." – unknown

"Waking up every day is a blessing, not a privilege. Don't take it for granted." – unknown

"Sometimes you will never know the true value of a moment until it becomes a memory." – unknown

Far too often we take a great many things in our lives for granted. We assume we will rise in the morning. We assume we will have the same level of health we did yesterday. We assume our loved ones will surround us. We assume we will be able to walk, to see, to breathe freely, to laugh, to sing, etc.

It seems unthinkable that we should face an accident, or a health crisis, or the death of a loved one. When the unthinkable happens it is like a pail of cold water in the face. We are not ready for it and it shakes us to the core. It is not so much that something could happen, it seems more a matter of when.

If we never faced calamity of some sort, we would not have the want and need for God. David was a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22), a king with so much at his disposal, yet it could not stop his son from dying (2 Sam. 12:19).

Instead of taking things for granted, we need to be more thankful for our blessings. "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful" (Col. 3:15).

When you pray, do you thank God for all of your blessings? Or, do you just take for granted all the things that you enjoy in this life? "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thess. 5:16-18).

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting..." (Psa. 100:4-5).

Remember Jesus used the parable of the rich fool to convey that all we take for granted can be taken from us at any time (Luke 12:13-21).

As you pray today, thank God for all of your blessings, for tomorrow part of them may not be there.