

# MORE TO LIFE THROUGH GOD

## Thankfulness; The Key To Having The Life You Really Want, By Joyce Meyer

I recently spent some time thinking about what bad attitude bothers God the most. I believe it's an ungrateful attitude.

If you're a parent, you can probably relate to that. You work hard to do all you can for your kids and you'd jump at the chance to do it all over again if they'd just say, "Thanks, Mom" or "Thanks, Dad. I sure do appreciate the things you do for me." But not all children display that kind of maturity.

Many times they'll come home murmuring and complaining, "I want this" and "I want that" and "Why won't you do this one thing for me?" That's pretty aggravating, isn't it?

As God's children, many Christians probably sound the same way to Him!

That's why I believe we need to take a fresh look at ourselves and the importance of having a thankful attitude toward God.

### What the Israelites Couldn't Figure Out

After Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, they grumbled, murmured and complained. They didn't like his leadership, and they were tired of eating manna. They actually wanted to go back to Egypt where they were beaten and forced to work long hours in the sun.

The Israelites thought their enemies were the reason they couldn't get to the Promised Land, but it was their attitude that kept them wandering around in the wilderness. (See Numbers 11.) All they needed to do was be positive.

Now, think about the things in your life that you were so excited about when God first blessed you—the baby you were praying for, the spouse you longed for, that promotion you tried so hard to get. They may be the very thing you complain about today!

The nature of human flesh, if it is not disciplined and controlled by the Holy Spirit, will always drift toward the negative. You never have to try to complain, but it does take a lot of faith and effort to maintain a grateful, thankful attitude.

### Appreciating Your Time in the Wilderness

You may think it's a little bit strange to say this, but I think we need to learn to appreciate our trials a lot more than we do because they're what make us grow and mature in godly character. You see, in hard times, we tend to experience more of His nearness and power in our lives. It's in those times that we really come to know Him.

Complaining actually opens a door for the devil. We need to learn to thank God in everything. Don't go to lunch with someone and spend the whole time talking about your problems. Remember, recall and recount the good things God is doing in your life.

Talk about your Red Sea moments. Remember the manna He gave you last week. Remember the resurrections you've had in your life. The Bible says to fix your mind on those things that are worthy of praise (see Philippians 4:8). Remember those things. Talk about those things.

I'm not telling you it's going to be easy to do. It's much easier to make excuses and feel sorry for yourself because things will happen to you that don't seem fair. The key is to keep saying, "I trust You, God, and I believe You will work it all out for my good."

### The Benefit of Believing God

It's a wonderful thing that God has done for us to be able to look at a negative thing in a positive way and actually say, "You cannot defeat me because God is on my side."

I want to have a good attitude because that's what will glorify God. He has promised that if we will do three simple things—continue to pray, to love Him, and to want His will—that all things will work together for our good (see Romans 8:28). That's a 100 percent, ironclad guarantee that no matter how messy life gets, God will make good out of it. If you want victory in your life, all you have to do is adopt a lifestyle of thanksgiving.

If you can manage to be thankful in every situation, really believing that God is working everything out for your good, you will end up with the victory every single time.



**NOVEMBER 2013**

**PENTECOSTALS  
OF BILLINGS**

**SERVICE TIMES**  
SUNDAY  
10 AM  
5:30 PM

**MONDAY  
PRAYER- 7 PM**

**WEDNESDAY  
7 PM**

**Special  
Thanksgiving  
Service  
7pm  
Tuesday, the 26th**

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Israel Welch~ For the house that we got and our yard and that our dad got us a suburban for us!



Joshua Pohl~ For Jesus dying on the cross.

Micah Welch~ For my toys and our mom's house and our downstairs and our church.

Abigail Pohl~ for good Christian books to read.

Mikah Ruff~ For God, soccer and family.

Emily Pohl~ For Hannah and Leia bible quizzing with me so I can have a team!

Noah Ruff~ For Mom, Dad, God and K-Love radio.

*As we look back over our lives and reflect we are forced to draw conclusions and make decisions. In my life I see "train-wrecks" and I see victories, I can learn from both. The enemy uses three primary tools to ruin the reflection process and prevent us from really learning from it: Pride, Fear and Doubt. We can be too proud to admit we messed-up, so fearful of what our future holds that we freeze into immobility and doubt that God can and will do anything with the mess we have created. Recognize the lies for what they are. There is a reason the Bible refers to satan as the "father of lies"! He's good at it! Learn to IGNORE those negative voices inside your head and they will go away! Instead ruminate...ponder...digest the promises of God. Memorize them, reflect on them, repeat them until they overwhelm the lies of the enemy! Jesus said that He would NEVER leave us, he said, "Lo I am with you ALWAYS." Just like the wedding vows... in sickness and in health, for richer for poorer...but death will not part us either! Don't live like a pauper when you are a child of the King! By Scott Leonardson*

## CHURCH PRAYER REQUESTS

Will Welch  
Minnie Hampton  
Tyler Sapp  
Louie & Dale Dauenhauer  
Michael Kruger  
The Ehler family  
Marty McFate  
Carol Penrod  
Galen Walter  
The Woepfel family  
The Plainfeather/Black Eagle family  
The Lost Souls in Billings  
The Sermon family  
Our Nation



If you have a prayer request that you want posted for others to pray for please submit them to my email: [coonfare03@yahoo.com](mailto:coonfare03@yahoo.com)

## SUITCASE DRIVE FOR FOSTER KIDS

**If you have a spare suit case laying around the closet and would like to donate it to this good cause, please bring to the church in a black garbage bag .**

**If you have more questions and want to donate please see Maddie Harmon for more details**



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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE BARS,

Paula Dean



#### Crust:

1 box devil's good cake mix (not the kind with pudding added)  
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted  
1 large egg

#### Filling:

1 (14 oz) can sweetened condensed milk (I used fat free and it was fine)  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
1 large egg  
1 cup chopped pecans  
1 cup shredded coconut (I used sweetened coconut)  
1/2 cup milk chocolate chips

#### Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x13 inch baking pan (I used non-stick cooking spray). In a medium bowl, mix together the cake mix, butter and egg, and press into the bottom of the prepared pan. The crust should not come up the sides. Bake for 7 minutes and remove from the oven. The crust will not look done.

While the crust is baking, mix together the sweetened condensed milk, vanilla, egg, pecans and coconut. Pour evenly over the warm crust and sprinkle evenly with the chocolate chips. Bake for 24-30 minutes, until the top is a light golden brown. Remove from the oven and cool completely before cutting into squares.

### Up Coming Events:



**26th- Tuesday Thanksgiving Service**

**Dec. 15th~ Children's Christmas Program 10 am Service**

**Dec. 18th ~ Christmas Fellowship**

**Dec. 22nd~ Adult Christmas Program 6 pm Service**

**Dec. 31st~ New Years Eve Service**

# SPIRITUAL WARFARE

## WORDS OF INSIGHT

*“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh.” 2 Corinthians 10:3*

*“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.: 2 Corinthians 10:4*

*“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:5*



## Tearing Down Strongholds

God is the army.

We have to choose the power in our lives.

**“I refuse to allow Satan to build places of fortification against the kingdom and the plan of God. In Jesus name I pull down the stronghold of darkness influencing our communities and nation.”**

Let us cast down arguments.

**“I cast down the vain imaginations Satan is using to dominant the philosophies influencing our culture and world view.”**

Bringing every thought into captivity.

**“ Lord, do not allow my mind to be filled with such hopelessness that I would accept an unchangeable situation that I would accept an unchangeable situation that I know is against the purpose of God.”**



## LADIES CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Come enjoy great food and fellowship  
December 7th from 1pm-3pm.

4880 Dovetail Avenue

Contact Dusty Ruff for more details

952-221-2597



**The young are full of vigor and vitality that should be properly channeled and managed. Pray Proverbs 1:4, that God will give “to the young man knowledge and discretion.”**

### **Prayer Points:**

- Pray they will set their thoughts on what is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and worthy of praise with wisdom to discern between good and evil. (Phil. 4:8)
- Pray that their life will be completely committed to Jesus Christ.
- Pray they will hunger after righteousness.
- Pray they will establish their self-esteem and identity in Christ- not by the standards of the world.
- Pray their passion for God will pull your peers to God.
- Pray they will hunger for the Word of God to be instilled in their heart.
- Pray they will receive, accept, and respect parental and pastoral guidance.
- Pray they will find and take their rightful place in God’s kingdom.
- Pray that their greatest desire will be to please God.
- Pray that Jesus will be their shelter and refuge in times of trouble.
- Pray that their moral purity will appeal to others, giving hope to the hopeless of their generation.
- Pray they will make right decisions about sex, drugs, and worldly pleasures. Their only true safety is abstinence.
- Pray they will defeat negative peer pressure and learn to make the right choices.
- Pray they will have a pure heart.
- Pray they won’t just keep a set of rules, but will desire to please God in all they do.

## **Youth Dates for November 8th- Party at Coonfares**

“For you are my hope, O Lord GOD; You are my trust from my youth By You I have been upheld from birth; You are He who took me out of my mother’s womb My praise shall be continually of You.”

Psalms 71:5-6



**Check out **SOLD OUT** Youth Group Pentecostals of Billings on Facebook!**



### November Birthdays

- 6th- Patrick Mcfate
- 10th- Denise Justice
- 15th- Destynee Trevino
- 19th- Howard Mclean
- 21st- Aaron Wittmier
- 22nd- Aaliyah Gopher
- 23rd- Fred Harmon
- 28th- Carl Kershner

### November Anniversary

- 14th-Fred Jr, and Emily Harmon

### ***Ponder This...***



*“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”*  
—John F. Kennedy

*“Faith walks simply, childlike, between the darkness of human life and the hope of what is to come.”*  
—Catherine de Hueck Doherty

*“When you are down to nothing, God is up to something!”*



**If you would like a Bible study simply give us a call. In your bible we will show you where the Lord commands us, that we are to be born again.**



**“The word of God is the food by which prayer is nourished and made strong.” - E. M. Bounds**

