## A Reason to be Thankful

A cowboy was riding his stallion down a dirt road when a police officer flashed his lights and pulled him over.

"Sir, I have been trying to pull you over for a mile," the officer said. "Do you know that your wife fell off the horse a mile down the road?"

The cowboy smiled and replied: "Thank God. I thought for a few moments I had become deaf."

In every season of life, we can find a reason to be thankful.

That includes some big items, like ...



- Health. No matter what your physical state may be, look around and spot others who are having a tougher time.
- Family, the basic unit in society in which, ideally, love, encouragement, peace and security are found.
- Freedoms, guaranteed by the Constitution of this amazing country we live in.
- Education, not just confined to formal institutions such as elementary, high school and college, but to the everyday experiences and professional studies that make us better equipped to live out God's plans for us.
- Your job, making it possible for you to earn a living for yourself and for those you love, and to reach for the dreams within your heart.
- Home, a protection against the elements.
- Our Savior, Jesus Christ, who died on a cross to make eternal life possible through faith in Him.

And there are some things that perhaps we take for granted, like ...

- Refrigerators, enabling the storage of food to maintain its freshness.
- Air conditioning, a gift indeed on hot summer days and nights.
- Furnaces and other heating elements that protect us from the cold.
- Automobiles, trains and planes that afford easy and timely travel.

Lists in both categories can go on and on. Consider, as examples, what you would add to these printed – and then thank God for His blessings.

It's important, every once in a while, to pause and take stock of God's goodness extended to us.

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If you are having a difficult time hearing God's voice, make sure you haven't left Him somewhere back down the road.

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28 NKJV).

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