

Thanks for All Things

The story is told of a fellow who reached up into his kitchen cabinet to retrieve a box of cereal for a quick breakfast. We don't really know how it happened, but he fell with the cereal box in his hand.

When his mind cleared, he was sprawled on the floor covered with tiny little Os.

Before his family could say anything, he hollered, "Well, thank the Lord!"

Holding back peals of laughter, a family member asked, "How can you thank the Lord for something like that?"

Quick as a flash, he responded, "Well, I guess I'm thankful it wasn't oatmeal."

Maybe this story illustrates thanksgiving by comparison.

We are encouraged to give thanks in all things. Ephesians 5:20 declares: *Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Granted, it's difficult to be thankful in some instances, especially when the storms of life blow through – and they will. But life experiences are at best only temporary for believers. And adversity does build character.

Whatever the situation, however, one thing is constant: God is there in the darkness or the light.

For that reason alone, we can give thanks in all things.

– Beecher Hunter