

Counting
our blessings.

Count Your Blessings ★

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A vertical wooden plank background. A string of pink hearts is strung across it. A yellow sticky note is pinned to the string, containing the text 'The Heart of Thanksgiving' written in cursive.

The Heart of Thanksgiving

As we step into the very last month of the year 2017, the most appropriate thing is to undertake a review of our progress towards our destination as we seek to fulfil purpose. I believe that time and seasons have been set by the Almighty God just to do that: a time to review and of course a time for new beginnings. Let me highlight that the most effective way to do so is to have a mindset devoid of regrets, blames but full of thanks. For many of us, we are not where we used to be even if there is still a lot of ground to cover. Even if some of us believe otherwise, still we need to be thankful as things could have been worse and indeed many people have had it bad. I agree things could be better but here we are: alive and living: we've got many things to be thankful for.

How do we put on a heart of thanksgiving?

If you ask me, it lies with counting our blessings one after the other.

The many things we got that we did not deserve.

The many more times we escaped the troubles we deserved.

The times we got a commensurate reward for our labor... not robbed of what we have and or deserve.

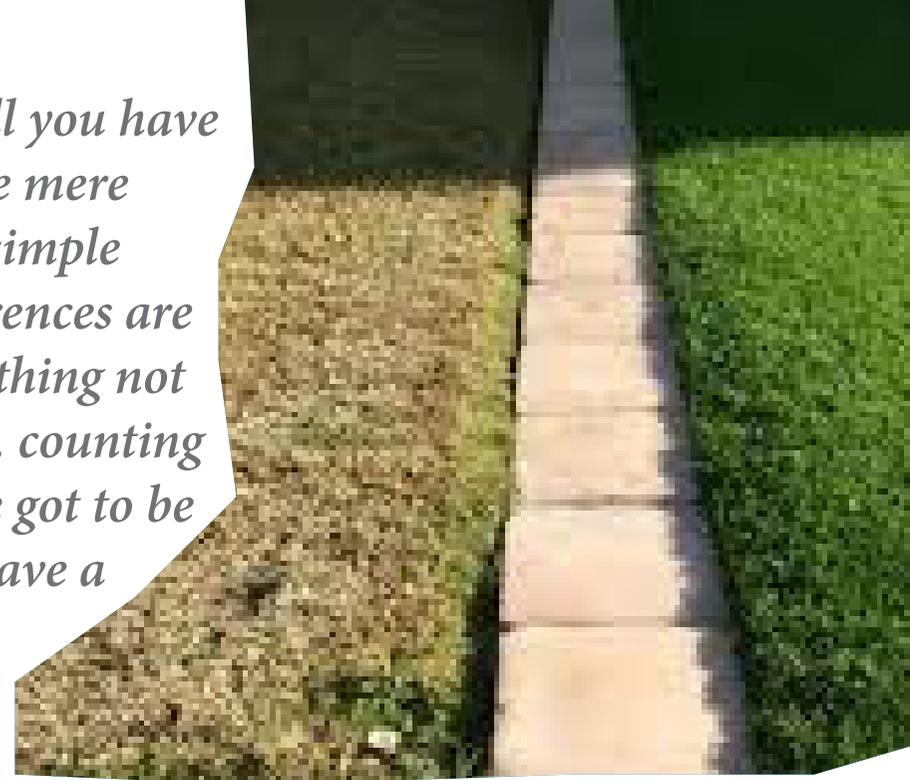
The many more times we received just in time help to labor for what we thought was beyond us.

Do you still think there is little to be thankful for or that all you have and have achieved is all self-made? Or you believe they are mere coincidences?the first time remarkable event may be a simple occurrence, two a coincidence, three and more such occurrences are definitely becoming a pattern of divine intervention, something not to be overlooked and taken for granted. It's time to count... counting our blessings. When we count more than three, then we 've got to be thankful. Isn't God wonderful? We have and continue to have a blank cheque to draw from the benevolence of God.

Why must we count our blessings?

Firstly, it compels us to take time to reflect and review. I know not anything that is more appalling and dysfunctional as a life lived without taking thought of one's manner of living. This is the time where we see how we have been blessed, what has worked for us and what we need to do differently. It is a life lived with purpose and a life devoid of disorder. Without this, one is prone to making the same mistake over and over again .. Many times thinking one may be cursed not realizing that it comes from a lack of reflection which leads to making simple corrections that would have prevented repetitive mistakes!

Secondly, when we take time to deliberately count our blessings, it prevents us from making that common mistake of focusing on peer comparisons which makes us think that the 'grass is always greener on the other side'. Perpetual peer compassion leads to a life full of complaints and regrets.... I know not any other disgusting attitude that repels the benevolent God. *Come to think of it, even a responsible parent would be so repelled.*





Thirdly, counting our blessings builds our faith and positivity. Once we realize, that we have been so blessed, we can easily believe God for more and even bigger things. We become convinced that we are neither cursed nor unworthy of good things. It helps us position ourselves for more.

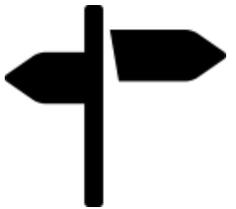
What's more: counting our blessings makes us thankful, a virtue that attracts more blessings from God and man!



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