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**1 Thessalonians 1:2** We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

**1 Thessalonians 5:18** In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

# Swordsmanteen Newsletter

**1 Chronicles 16:8** Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.



**1 Chronicles 16:34** O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.



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- 1) When Paul reached Troas he broke bread on this day of the week:  
A - The first  
B - The second  
C - The sixth  
D - The seventh
- 2) What did Jacob give Esau along with bread?  
A - Flowers  
B - Fruit  
C - Lentils  
D - Venison
- 3) During the Passover, what kind of bread did the Israelites eat for seven days?  
A - Without yeast  
B - With yeast  
C - Wheat  
D - Barley
- 4) Whose bread were Aaron and his descendants to eat?  
A - Moses'  
B - God's  
C - Abraham's  
D - Joshua's
- 5) This man offered Abraham bread and wine:  
A - Shechem  
B - Mephibosheth  
C - Malchishuah  
D - Melchizidek
- 6) Unleavened bread was also considered the bread of:  
A - travel  
B - affliction  
C - the healthy  
D - laughter
- 7) When the Gibeonites met Joshua, their bread was:  
A - sticky and wet  
B - fresh and warm  
C - soft and grainy  
D - dry and moldy
- 8) What became of the man who dreamed he had three baskets of bread on his head?  
A - He was hanged  
B - He was promoted  
C - Nothing  
D - He was restored
- 9) What did Boaz tell Ruth to dip her bread in?  
A - garlic  
B - butter  
C - vinegar  
D - gravy
- 10) What did David eat like bread, while mingling his drink with tears?  
A - grapes  
B - vultures  
C - sackcloth  
D - ashes
- 11) Man shall not live by bread alone but by:  
A - water  
B - the word of God  
C - sleep  
D - love
- 12) This man did not eat bread or drink wine, yet people thought he had a demon:  
A - Jesus  
B - Peter  
C - John the Baptist  
D - Paul
- 13) In Jeremiah, the children gather wood, the fathers light the fire, and the women knead the dough and make cakes of bread for:  
A - The Queen of Heaven  
B - The Lord of Hosts  
C - The storehouses of famine  
D - The Egyptians
- 14) Who did Jesus say gave the true bread from heaven?  
A - Moses  
B - Peter  
C - the Father  
D - Abraham
- 15) When Elijah asked a woman from this town for bread, she initially refused.  
A - Sidon  
B - Damascus  
C - Samaria  
D - Zarephath
- 16) What happened to Jesus on the night he 'took bread'?  
A - He received a vision  
B - He was betrayed  
C - He was baptized  
D - He got married
- 17) The tempter suggested that Jesus convert these to bread:  
A - figs  
B - stones  
C - bushels  
D - olives
- 18) Who ate the bread crumbs that fell from the table?  
A - parents  
B - birds  
C - dogs  
D - children
- 19) How many loaves of bread did Abigail give to David?  
A - 500  
B - 300  
C - 100  
D - 200
- 20) According to Acts, the early Christians would break bread where?  
A - In synagogues  
B - In homes  
C - In churches  
D - In the town square

# Swordsman Teen Newsletter

All Scripture in this publication is from the King James Bible.

*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12*

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**Ephesians 4:26** *Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:*

**Proverbs 25:23** *The north wind driveth away rain: so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.*

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## Give Thanks:

What is the Biblical attitude of Thanksgiving? The season during October and November is a season of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is rooted Biblically in praising God and recognizing His goodness. As Americans, we pause each November to celebrate the national holiday of Thanksgiving. We are to be thankful as God fearing people. Have you been as thankful to God as you should have been this year? Did you notice that in the Bible, there are feasts and jubilees celebrating God's blessings with a thankful spirit? We don't hold those ceremonies today but this spirit is still valid for Bible-believing Christians; let the peace of God rule in your hearts, and be ye thankful.

What does the Bible say about this virtue we all should have within us? Here are six thoughts to celebrate God's goodness in our lives by GIVING THANKS.

### T - Three Times a Day

**Daniel 6:10** *"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime."*

Daniel was a spiritual giant in his day. God loved him and blessed him in ways we could only dream of. God protected him during the captivity in Babylon. God gave Daniel incredibly special wisdom. God visited Daniel and saved him mightily in the lion's den. It all was centered around a daily time of prayer and thanksgiving.

How has your prayer life been? Have you been slipping lately? How often have you prayed upon your knees and said thanks to Jesus? Daniel had a lot of problems in and around his life. That didn't slow Daniel from praying and giving thanks. Don't let your problems slow you down from praying and saying thanks to God; let your problems draw you down to your knees before a gracious Lord and in it all, be thankful.

Make up your mind to be "blessable" like Daniel and follow his example. Three times a day you should pause and give thanks to God. Dwell on the good you have, not the problems. Think of all the ways God watches over you and protects you from things you have never seen!

### H - Have a Thankful Spirit

**Psalms 100:4-5** *"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."*

When you come to church and sit in the pews in God's place of worship, how is your spirit? We are inundated with problems of the flesh; relationship problems, financial problems, emotional problems —God calls us to leave those things behind.

God wants you to cease from the drama in His presence. For very definite reasons, you'll notice that God demands a thankful spirit in His courts. He doesn't want any grumpy curmudgeons in His presence! Leave your problems at the cross *and lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees. (Hebrew 12:12)*

The reason God calls for you to change your attitude in His presence is because He has been good to you! In God's house, decide to have a thankful spirit.

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**Thanksgiving Jokes**



**Poor Turkey**, he's hit in the neck, loses his head, they break his legs, knock the stuffing out of him, cut him to the heart and pick on him for weeks.

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A lot of nice, fat turkeys would strut less if they could see into the future.

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**Last year on Thanksgiving**, the childless farmer and his wife prayed for all their blessings. But, they also prayed that their loneliness of having no children be relieved. Their prayers were answered and the wife became pregnant. She gave birth to triplets! A friend remarked, "See, prayers are always answered." The farmer then replied, "Yes, but I never prayed for a bumper crop like this!"

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**A Prayer for Mom:** At Thanksgiving with her folks, single Sally prayed the following, "Oh Dear Lord, I'm thankful for all the blessings in my life. And, I'm not asking for this for myself, but please send my mother a son-in-law."

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**A New Recipe:** Using a new recipe, my wife put the turkey in aluminum foil. She had to roast it until it was brown. Twenty-four hours later, the aluminum foil was still silver.

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**A Sick Turkey:** Our turkey was sick. All day long it had a thermometer in it.

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**This Thanksgiving** try to be grateful for practical things. Like, be thankful the post office doesn't handle prayers.

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**The average mother** takes two whole days to prepare for Thanksgiving dinner but most kids don't really care. I have taken an informal but exhaustive poll of kids and have come to the conclusion that if Twinkies came with drumsticks, all turkeys would die of old age.

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**Our kids love Thanksgiving dinner** and it's all because we're learned how to draw a compromise between the old and the new. We have a 22-pound turkey -- but we stuff it with Big Macs.

**Turkey Tight End**

A professional NFL team, the Philadelphia Eagles, had just finished their daily practice session when a large turkey came strutting onto the field. While the players gazed in amazement, the turkey walked up to the head coach and demanded to be given a chance to play at tight end. Everyone stared in silence as the turkey caught pass after pass and ran right through the defensive line. When the turkey returned to the sidelines, the coach shouted, You're superb. Sign up for the season, and I'll see to it

that you get a huge bonus." "Forget the bonus," replied the turkey, "What I want to know is, does your season go past Thanksgiving Day.

**Stuffed Turkey**

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked the stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy answered, "No ma'am, they're dead."

**Apple Jokes For Kids**

- Q. What do you give a horse that has just won the Kentucky Derby?  
A. An Appletini.
- Q. I made an account just to tell this joke.  
A. Aren't you going to give me an apple-ause?
- Q. What do you call an apple that's been around the world?  
A. Johnny Appleseed.
- Q. What did the apple say to the almond?  
A. You're Nuts!
- Q. Why are apples afraid to grow in the United States?  
A. Because they don't want to be as American as apple pie.
- Q. What did one maggot say to the other who was stuck in an apple?  
A. Worm your way out of that one!
- Q. Why didn't the two worms go into Noah's ark in an apple?  
A. Because everyone had to go in pairs!
- Q. How do you get the most apples at Halloween?  
A. Take a snorkel.
- Q. What lives in apples and is an avid reader?  
A. A bookworm!
- Q. Why did the apple stop in the middle of the road?  
A. Because he ran out of juice.
- Q. What did the worm want to do when he grew up?  
A. He wanted to join the Apple Core (Corps).
- Q. What do you call a fruit that is rough around the edges?  
A. A bad apple.
- Q. What do you say when a fruit wins the talent show?  
A. How about them apples?

All Satan Apples Have Worms



**Turkey Gobble**

The Turkey is a funny bird. Its head goes bobble-bobble; And all he knows is just one word. And that is GOBBLE-GOBBLE!

Knock, knock. Who's there? Gladys. Gladys who? Gladys Thanksgiving. Aren't you?

## **Give Thanks :**

His mercies are new every day! His Word and His truth endureth to all generations! God is good to you at all times; He continually showers mercy on you and your family; His promises to you have never failed, not once. In God's house, decide to have a thankful spirit.

### **A - At All Times**

**Psalm 34:1** *"I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth."*

How can a child of God bless the Lord? The wording is interesting. God blessed you at Calvary with a Savior. God blesses you each day with new mercies. God will bless you when you are clothed with immortality and enter His eternal presence. How then can you bless God? This shows a peek into the heart of God. Praising and giving thanks to God blesses his heart! You can indeed make a change in God's mind towards you when you praise Him for the things He has done; it blesses Him.

"At all times" is all inclusive. During times of blessing, I should praise the Lord and say thanks. During times of trials or temptations, I should bless the Lord and praise His name. "At all times" leaves no room for exceptions.

His praise in your mouth shows that you are speaking about His goodness. It is right to think and meditate on His goodness but God wants you to put it in your mouth. Let it come out. Thank you, Jesus! Don't be afraid to bless the Lord at the moment that you have been blessed. Spread the word that God is good!

### **N - Nothing To Worry About**

**Philippians 4:6-7** *"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*

As a child of God, you have a gracious Father in Heaven. Is there anything good that He withholds from you? Is your heart heavy with burdens of the world. Is sin getting you discouraged? Don't carry around that heavy emotional baggage. Like in Philippians, be careful for nothing. Take it to the throne and leave it there. He is faithful and good. His grace is sufficient.

Take your problems to Jesus. Pray with thanksgiving and with a heart of remembrance for all His blessings, as well as, meditate on the good He has done for you. Taking your problems to Jesus Biblically is not permission to whine or pout. There is never found a place where God condones pouting. I think He forbids it! He exposes it and calls you to rise above it in His presence. Request and ask for the peace of God during and through your trials. God probably will not swoop down and remove the trial, but His grace is sufficient. Take your problems to Jesus prayerfully with the right attitude.

### **K - Keep a Thankful Heart**

**Romans 16:3-4** *"Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: Who have for my life laid down their own*

*necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles."*

Keep a thankful heart not only to God but also for your brothers and sisters in Christ. Keep a thankful heart for the man of God who preaches God's Word to you each week. Paul acknowledged those who helped him in the ministry. God put those names in His Word as a memorial of what they had done to help the apostle Paul. Do you need to be in the limelight of recognition? Is it important you get the credit for a new idea or get the respect you think you deserve? True respect is earned, never to be demanded.

Think about those who have been a blessing to you and don't keep it to yourself! Share the blessing they have been. They will not be the type seeking for approval and recognition, I'm sure, but God is honored when His children are like Him. People need godly role models and if you have a special person who helps you, say thanks. Write that person a note or a card. Recognize them and say thank you! Let them know you see Jesus in their lives and it blesses you and helps you keep your eyes on Him.

### **S - Sacrifice of Thanksgiving**

**Leviticus 22:29** *"And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer it at your own will."*

This season of thanksgiving is a time to give. Giving costs you something, either time or money. If and when you decide how you will give of yourself this season, do it willfully with a good spirit. If your parents ask for help clearing the thanksgiving table, do it right. Do it as unto the Lord. If you are asked to do something extra in the nursery or are asked to visit someone, have the right spirit. It should be a blessing to God to see your sacrifice to Him.

We are called to be living sacrifices, holy and acceptable unto God. Don't serve in such a way that it leaves a bad taste in people's mouths. That's unacceptable unto God. Don't give your financial offering in the plate with a sour mood. That's not holy. That's carnal and selfish. Be a living sacrifice and offer your time and your money to God.

Do something extra, go a little further, do a little more than ask this season. Be ready and looking for ways to be a blessing to those around you. That will bless God and others and that is the Biblical attitude of THANKSGIVING.

### **Parachute Jumping**

On the first day of training for parachute jumping, a blonde listened intently to the instructor. He told them to start preparing for landing when they are at 300 feet. The blonde asked, "How am I supposed to know when I'm at 300 feet?"

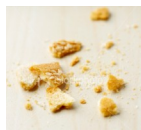
"That's a good question. When you get to 300 feet, you can recognize the faces of people on the ground."

After pondering his answer she asked, "What happens if there's no one there I know?"

The End

**Answers to Bread Quiz**

- 1) A - The first (*Acts 20:7*)
- 2) C - Lentils (*Genesis 25:34*)
- 3) A - Without yeast (*Exodus 12:15*)
- 4) B - God's (*Leviticus 21:22*)
- 5) D - Melchizedek (*Genesis 14:18*)
- 6) B - affliction (*Deuteronomy 16:3*)
- 7) D - dry and moldy (*Joshua 9:5*)
- 8) A - He was hanged (*Genesis 40:16-22*)
- 9) C - vinegar (*Ruth 2:14*)
- 10) D - ashes (*Psalms 102:9*)
- 11) B - the word of God (*Matthew 4:4*)
- 12) C - John the Baptist (*Luke 7:33*)
- 13) A - The Queen of Heaven (*Jeremiah 7:18*)
- 14) C - the Father (*John 6:32*)
- 15) D - Zarephath (*1 Kings 17:10-12*)
- 16) B - He was betrayed (*1 Corinthians 11:23*)
- 17) B - stones (*Matthew 4:3*)
- 18) C - dogs (*Matthew 15:27*)
- 19) D - 200 (*2 Samuel 16:1*)
- 20) B - In homes (*Acts 2:46*)

**An Elderly Couple Entering Heaven**

This 85 year old couple, having been married almost 60 years, died in a car crash. They had been in good health the last ten years, mainly due to her interest in health food and exercise. When they reached the pearly gates, St. Peter took them to their mansion which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite and Jacuzzi. As they "oohed and aahed," the old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost. "It's free," Peter replied, "this is Heaven." Next they went out back to survey the championship golf course that the home backed up to. They would have golfing privileges everyday and each week the course changed to a new one representing the great golf courses on earth. The old man asked, "What are the green fees?" Peter's reply, "This is heaven, you play for free." Next they went to the club house and saw the lavish buffet lunch with the cuisines of the world laid out. "How much to eat?" asked the old man. "Don't you understand yet? This is heaven, it is free!" Peter replied with some exasperation. "Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol tables?" the old man asked timidly. Peter lectured, "That's the best

part...you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven." With that, the old man went into a fit of anger, throwing down his hat and stomping on it and shrieking wildly. Peter and his wife both tried to calm him down, asking him what was wrong. The old man looked at his wife and said, "This is all your fault!! If it weren't for your blasted bran muffins, I could have been here ten years ago!"

**Jesus is Watching You.**

Late one night, a burglar broke into a house that he thought was empty. He tiptoed through the living room, but suddenly he froze in his tracks when he heard a loud voice say: "Jesus is watching you!"

Silence returned to the house, so the burglar crept forward again. "Jesus is watching you," the voice boomed again. The burglar stopped dead again. He was frightened. Frantically, he looked all around. In a dark corner, he spotted a bird cage, and in the cage was a parrot.

He asked the parrot, "Was that you who said, 'Jesus is watching you?'"

"Yes," said the parrot.

The burglar breathed a sigh of relief, then he asked the parrot, "What's your name?"

"Clarence," said the bird.

"That's a dumb name for a parrot," sneered the burglar. "What idiot named you Clarence?"

The parrot said, "The same idiot who named the Rottweiler Jesus."

**The Small Things**

The cup of water I might  
have given  
The word I did not speak  
The comfort to the heart so  
risen  
The soul I failed to seek

May I never again despise  
small things  
May Thy voice, Lord, in my  
heart ring.  
And open my eyes that I  
may see  
Each opportunity Thou  
givest me.

These all have passed, the  
hour is gone  
I had the chance, yet one by  
one  
I was too busy with other  
things.  
And now, what sorrow the  
memory brings.

**Memory Verse**

*Psalms 30:4 Sing unto  
the LORD, O ye saints of  
his, and give thanks at  
the remembrance of his  
holiness.*

