

The Lakeside



Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday November 24, 2025 - I Timothy 4:4

4 For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,

Read I Timothy 4:4 for meditation and inspiration.



Dear Lakesiders and Friends,

How do you show your Thankfulness to God? You give Him your heart. When you do that the rest of you will follow!

At her eighty-ninth birthday celebration, it was clear to all present that Flo had lost none of her zest for life. "What advice would you have for people your age?" asked one of the party-goers. "Well," Flo said, "at my age, it is very important to keep using all my potential or it dries up. I've discovered how it is important to be with people and to be of service to them as much as possible."

"And exactly what do you do from day-to-day?" Without missing a beat Flo replied, "I look after an old lady in my neighborhood."

Much like Flo, the great medical missionary, Albert Schweitzer, once said, "The interior joy we feel when we have done a good deed and lent a helping hand, is the nourishment the soul requires." Without those times when one feels part of the spiritual world by her or his actions, the soul decays. To approach your life with an attitude of Gratefulness means to not just feel it but to show it to others and to the whole world by the way you live your life.

Remember the story of three servants who were entrusted with various sums of their master's money to invest. One received 5000 silver pieces. Another received 2000. The third received 1000. Jesus pointed out that each of the three men was given funds according to his own ability. The first two men performed up to their respective capabilities. They invested the money wisely and, in both cases, a handsome return was generated. This pleased the master and their reward was great but the last servant who buried the master's money was cast out.

Like Flo, if you sit on your talents, if you hoard your gifts, if you hunker down and just vegetate but not live a life of generosity as God has been generous to you, the gifts, talents and even life will be lost.

So, live and give. And in the end of your life the benediction from God will sound like this: "Well done good and faithful servant... come and join in your master's happiness" (Matthew 25:21).

In Thanksgiving,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Roger', written in dark ink.

Roger