



“In the beginning, God...” Gen 1:1

Indeed, as a song inquires,
“What do I possess that You did not give to me?”



1 THESS. 5:16-18

“Be joyful always;
pray continually;
give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God’s will for you
in Christ Jesus.”



HE HAS DONE
GREAT THINGS

Psalm 105:1-5



VS. 1

- Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- Declare His deeds to the nations



VS. 2

Sing to Him...

“I will bless the Lord at all times”
Psalm 34

Tell of ALL His wonderful acts (We won't have time left for whining and complaining)



VS. 3

Glory in His holy name

We have to kick our pride to the curb

Ps. 115:1

Jer. 9:23-24

Seek Him and rejoice!

VS. 4

“Look to the Lord and His strength...Seek His face
ALWAYS”

Remember Peter and that walk on water incident?

Matt. 14:22-33

Remember how it all went to pot when Peter took his
eyes off of Jesus? Same...

We get in trouble when we focus on what we lack
rather than God and His gracious provision

VS. 5

“Remember the wonders He has done”

We are often cautioned against ‘living in the past’ with illustrations like that of the windshield and rearview mirror:

“You know why your rearview mirror is so small yet your windshield is so big?

Because you aren’t going that way; keep pressing on!”



And yet, reminiscing on the goodness of God is not
only okay but expected

When we recall His goodness:

- Our focus is on Him and not our perceived lack
Not only do we develop a grateful heart, but we also protect our hearts from worry (Matt 6:25-34)
- Others see our joy and contentment, finding an alternative to greed and resentment
- Appropriately, God receives all glory

For additional reading:

- Job 38-41
- Psalms 103 through 107
- Deuteronomy 8

Still struggling to have a grateful heart?

Invest in the broken, the poor, the lame, the weak. Ask the Father to open our eyes as we immerse ourselves in their lives. It will break us of our lust for comparison and restore our 'factory settings.'

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