# Gratitude Makes Happiness

Jere E. Frost

**Most of our unhappiness is produced by the gross sin of ingratitude—self pity is what it is often called. Anything we do not like, anything that is against our wishes, makes us miserable as to commit suicide were blessed with looks, talent, wealth and even fame. They "quit" on themselves and on life, not because no one needed them, but because they magnified their miseries and ignored their blessings.**

**The antidote to this kind of misery is to reserve the process. Forget yourself. Jesus said "deny" yourself (Matthew 16:24). Help someone who needs some help. Magnify your blessings and remember that all your problems– all of them– are temporary. We were made for eternity! What a blessing. Thank God for the great hope we have in Jesus, and for the blessings of the common day!**

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## The Knightsville Lamp

**"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"**
**(Ps. 119:105)**

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## SELF-CONTROL

**The Bible clearly teaches that Christians are to exercise temperance or self-control (2 Peter 1:6) if we are to make our calling and election sure (2 Peter 1:10). There are those who profess to being Christians that do not exercise self-control and as a result they lose their temper; they use speech not fitting for a Christian to use or engage in actions unbecoming to one wearing the name of Christ. How can we develop self-control? Paul gives us the answer in 2 Corinthians 10:5; "...bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." When our every thought is controlled by the desire tobe obedient to Christ in all things we will be able to exercise the self-control expected of followers of Christ.**

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# THE KNIGHTSVILLE LAMP

**"The Aroma of Thanksgiving"**

**Steve Niemeier**

**This weekend is traditionally called "Thanksgiving" or "Thanksgiving Weekend," as it is for us to remember those folks who settled in this country many years ago. It seems they had a Thanksgiving meal together to be thankful for their safe journey to the land.**

**Many across these great United States will gather with family and friends to take time to be thankful and to enjoy one another's company. Many will talk about how good we have it here in the states and yet many who say that have never seen the "other side" to make an honest evaluation. Mostly we compare it to the "riches" of the world without giving thought to the 'spiritual' issues of this life.**

**Homes and apartments across this land will be filled with sweet aroma that arises from the kitchen area. Pies will be baked, turkeys will be cooked, and hams will also be baked as all the trimmings will be prepared for the meal. The meal is the center point it seems and all activities on Thanksgiving Day center on this meal. The aroma is sweet and enticing leading us to hunger for what is being prepared.**

**Have we taken the time to think about the sweet smelling aroma that God wants to smell? Paul tells the Ephesians (Eph. 5:2) *"And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma."* In II Corintians 2:16 Paul says *" For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing."***

**It is good to reflect and give thanks for the blessings that we have on this earth. After visiting a third World Country and coming back to this great nation leaves one wondering "How am I so fortunate to live my one life on this earth in country so blessed?" Yet, in getting "settled" back in to the flow of things I can't help but see how it seems we will be here forever. The things we are stressed over, the things we get frustrated with, the anger we display toward one another, the lack of brotherly love we exhibit. These things and the inventions of man that we spend dollars upon dollars on seem to engulf this one life on earth that the Lord has given as gift. Can this be a sweet smell of thanksgiving to Him?**

**All of us have defining moments in our lives. My life has had these also. We remember the day we were baptized into Christ. If we are married we remember our wedding day. If we have children we remember the day they were born. Defining moments form our lives. A defining moment that will never leave my memory is the aroma of thanksgiving that God allowed me to see the real meaning of life on this earth. I have a lot to learn about it even though I am threescore years old. To take a deep breath and realize that a soul carries no color but an aroma—the soul longing for God through obedience in Christ is a sweet smelling aroma—the soul refusing to yield to God through Christ an aroma of "unthankfulness" for the grace of God.**

**None of us knows what the future holds for any of us on the face of this earth. As a result of this fact isn't it a wise thing to stop and reflect on what we do know? We know that our time in this life is limited. It will pass by swiftly. How we redeem this time is so important to the whole meaning of life eternally. Have we taken the time to stop and smell the aroma of thanksgiving? Not only of the physical blessings from God—but the true meaning of life—the spiritual blessings He has bestowed upon us. If we will do this our lives will be defined as a sweet smelling aroma just as the fragrance of Christ.**

**"Save This Nation"**

**Author Unknown**

**In the days of the Civil War, a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln was a visitor at the White House. "I had been spending three weeks with Mr. Lincoln as his guest. One night I was restless and could not sleep...from the private room where the president slept, I heard low tones, for the door was partly open. Instinctively I wandered in, and there I saw a sight which I have never forgotten. It was the president kneeling before an open Bible...his back toward me. I shall never forget his prayer: 'Oh, thou God that heard Solomon in the night when he prayed and cried for wisdom, hear me. I cannot lead these people; I cannot guide the affairs of this nation with out thy help...O God, hear me and save this nation."**

**"Righteousness exalts a nation"—Prov. 14:34**

**(This prayer is a prayer that we should pray that our president and political leaders are praying today.)**