

## A Magnificent Gratitude - 1 Thess. 5:18

Real as familiar with Thanksgiving as a Habit -  
(man) carry on life out of Habit - good or evil.

Habit of thankfulness is most valuable -

it enriches (enjoyment)

it soothes (distress) - Think of past joys & present sorrows

it helps (remove anxiety) - Paul "let nothing be anxious"

it deepens (Repentance) - Tender mercies.

it Brightens (Hope) - Ebenezer - look Back -

### Occasions of Thankfulness...

1. Be T - for Everything that is Pleasant

no one oppose this in Theory -

"Every good gift"

Many Pleasures -

2. Be T - for Everything that is Painful

in Everything give T.

T that situation is no worse - ("Bless the Lord, 'Taint  
No Worse" Negro.

President Madison - in old age suffered much. An  
old friend sent him a box of vegetable pills & ask him  
to inform him whether they helped. Sent a note - "My dear  
friend. I thank you very much for the box of pills. I have  
taken them all. & while I cannot say that I am  
better since taking them, it is quite possible that I  
might have been worse if I had not taken them,  
& so I beg you to accept my sincere ac-  
knowledgments."

There is always something known or unknown -

Suffering (Brighter) as remember happiness of other days.

Suffering - means of improving our character.

Suffering - makes real (divine compassion).

Optimists - Latin - optimus means Best -  
One who maintains that this is the best possible world.

Pessimist - Latin pessimus means Worst -  
That is the worst possible world.

How which are you?  
Which why do you persuade everybody?

Preacher - Chrysostom - Motto "Gloria to God for all things".

He said this when giving up - father died -

(10,000) people crowded to hear him.

Emperor became his enemy -

Banished to Armenia from Constantinople.

When ed. dragging him through winter snows & utterly worn out, he begged to be taken into a little way-side church that he might die, his last words, as he lay on the cold stone floor, were, "Gloria to God for all things."

3. Be T. For Everything that is Fearful.

Kind friends.

Church - ... Preacher (Chrysostom) tells

Man looking intently at the Ch. Bldg. across the st. - P. "Why do you look so intently at that building" - I am looking at my church. I love every stone in it.

Grace of God -

When are we to start? - tonight! For some experiences - some went - for whatever has been pleasant or painful.

T - can not be maintained without attention