

Grateful For The Spiritual

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (English Standard Version)

1 in ___ people in our region are in _____. Can they be grateful?

2 Timothy - Why Paul Was Grateful In A Difficult Situation

A. 2 Timothy 1:3 - This was Paul's _____ greeting in his letters. Was everything going _____ for him?

B. 2 Timothy 4 - Paul's physical circumstances were harsh:

1. 1:8,16; 2:9 - Paul was a _____ when he wrote.
2. 4:6 - The _____ of his _____ was at hand.
3. 4:10,11 - His companions had _____ him.
4. 4:14,15 - _____ had done Paul great _____.
5. 4:16 - No one came to _____ with him at his _____.
6. 4:21,13 - He obviously needed _____.

C. But Paul's spiritual circumstances were rich:

1. 4:7,8 - A _____ of _____ was waiting for him.
2. 4:17,18 - The Lord _____ with Paul and _____ him.

Ephesians - Why We Can Be Grateful In Any Situation

A. Ephesians 1 - The spiritual blessings every Christian is given:

1. 1:3 - In _____ we have "_____ spiritual blessing".
2. 1:4 - We've been _____ to be holy and _____.
3. 1:5 - We are _____ for adoption as God's _____.
4. 1:6 - We've been blessed with God's _____.
5. 1:7 - We have _____ through Christ's _____.
6. 1:9,10 - He has made _____ to us the _____ of His will.
7. 1:11 - We have _____ an _____.
8. 1:13,14 - We have been _____ by the _____.

B. These blessings can't be _____ with the physical _____, but they are _____.

Luke 15:11-24 - The _____'s reception of the _____ son is a dim _____ of what God blesses us with!

MacDuff: "... cultivate this _____ spirit - it will be to you a perpetual _____." ("The Mind of Jesus", 1870)

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