

God – My All in All

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Scripture Meditation

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."

I Chronicles 16:34

30 Day Gratitude Journal

Write about what challenges you are grateful for.

30 Day Gratitude Challenge

Give a compliment to someone.

Prayer Concentration:

Pray a prayer of gratitude for a barber or beautician.

Prayer of Gratitude

Lord we praise You with all our hearts for Your love, grace and mercy. We thank You for always being with us, and providing comfort, kindness and care. Help us to comfort others as You have comforted us. Help us to be kind to others, as You have shown kindness to us. Help us to be caring to others as You have demonstrated Your care to us. In Jesus Name we pray, amen.

Observation

Although there are so many things to be thankful for, none of them would exist without God. He is the beginning and the end. Nothing can start nor end without Him. He is our Savior, our Provider, our Protector, our Counselor, our Comforter and our Healer. There is nowhere that you can go that you don't see the beautiful and wonderful works of His hands. He is a friend to the friendless, a mother to the motherless, a father to the fatherless, and for this, I am so thankful.

I remember back in 1991 when my mother died, I was only 33 years old at the time. After taking care of all of the business aspects (arrangements with the funeral home, the "sitting ups," funeral services, family and friends coming and going), I really didn't take the time to mourn her loss. The next thing I knew, it was time to return to work at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Well, I was on the Tiger Team (had to travel to other shipyards all over the world). It was my time to travel to work in Hawaii. One particular day, after work, I went to the hotel, showered, ate dinner and fell asleep. That was the night that I had a dream about my mother. I could remember crying so hard that it woke me up and all I could hear was this voice saying, "Don't worry, everything is going to be alright." It was so real. I knew that it couldn't have been anyone but God. This experience gave me the confidence that I was not alone. At that point in my life, I could do nothing but give Him thanks and praise.

Don't get me wrong, I was saved at the time, but this experience with God, gave me a stronger relationship with Him. I saw "life" in a different perspective. It gave me a deeper attitude of gratitude. I am so grateful to God today for everything that He has done in my life. I no longer take things for granted, for my God is truly an almighty God. There is no where on earth that He is not there. I thank Him for being a God of love and that He welcomes our love in return. I thank God for who He really is-----the Mighty God of the Universe!!

Questions to Ponder

How has God been your all in all? Name a time when God walked with you through the entire journey of a life changing challenge.

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