

Another's Devotional #1

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This devotional from Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth helps us transition from a year emphasizing *Hearts of Gratitude* (2025) to *Faithfulness* (2026). Enjoy. Be edified.

Well Received [Nancy's devotional for November 6]

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.—Lamentations 3:22-23

OH, HOW BLIND WE CAN BECOME to God's grace. How quickly we forget that His "new every morning" mercies are not gifts we deserve; they are graces given by His loving hand to fallen creatures—those who have no right to expect such "steadfast" care and attention from One so pure and holy.

When we subconsciously consider God obligated to give us each day's bounty of blessings, we shut our eyes to His true loveliness and glory; we cheapen the grace that not only sustains us through life's battles but also keeps joy flowing in to and out of our hearts; we experience the gradual loss of humility, contentment, enjoyment, healthy relationships, and the sweet walk with Christ that provides our only access to abundant life.

So the apostle Paul had good reason to list ingratitude right in the middle of such evil companions as abusiveness, heartlessness, brutishness, treachery (2 Tim. 3:1-5)—because that's where it belongs. Ingratitude is no less heinous a sin. It leaves us equally empty and hard inside.

And yet so powerful is the influence exerted by ingratitude that when we displace it with its bright opposite—when we turn our hearts to God in sincere thankfulness—a number of other sins are sure to be dislodged from our lives as well. As Paul said, "Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving" (Eph. 5:4). Because when gratefulness returns, it carries with it the attending blessings and beauty of holiness.

Take a few moments to focus on and enumerate the mercies you have received from His hand since waking up this morning.

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As we enter a new year, may we regularly ponder God's **faithfulness** and, as a result, continue in a most thankful perspective, one which honors and praises our precious Creator and Savior, Christ Jesus our Lord through humble **hearts of gratitude**.

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