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“Gratitude lifts our eyes off the things we lack so we might see the blessings we possess.” – **Max Lucado**

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“When we lose one blessing, another is often most unexpectedly given in its place.” – **C.S. Lewis**

PSALMS 1:1-3

*Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
² But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law, he meditates day and night. ³ He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.*

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Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

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James 1:22-25

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

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Philippians 4:6-7

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but **in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,** present your requests to God. And the **peace of God, which transcends all understanding,** will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

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Luk15:29-31

*²⁹Lo, these **many years** I have **been serving you**; I **never transgressed** your commandment at any time; and **yet you never gave me** a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. ³⁰ But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him. ³¹ "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and **all that I have is yours.**'"*

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*"**His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'**"*

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