





FEELING
GRATITUDE

AND NOT
EXPRESSING IT
IS LIKE

**WRAPPING A
PRESENT**

AND NOT
GIVING IT.

~WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD~

FEELING

This Thanksgiving and Christmas:
Don't Miss What You've Got...
By Missing What You're Missing!

PRESENT

AND NOT
GIVING IT.

1 Thess 5:18

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HOLIDAY
BLUES



Too Many Singing...
...the **Holiday** Blues

H O L I D A Y
B L U E S



Too Many Singing...
...the **COVID** Blues

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Too Many Singing...
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Signs

- feeling sad/ discouraged
- loss of interest
- Appetite weight change
- restless
- lack of energy
- feeling hopeless
- difficulty concentrating
- persistent thoughts of death or suicide
- withdrawal
- various physical symptoms

HOLIDAY
BLUES

A snowman with a blue bird on its head and a red cardinal on its back. The snowman has a yellow carrot nose, black eyes, and a white snowflake on its forehead. The blue bird has a yellow beak and a black eye. The red cardinal has a black eye and a black beak.

In Order to

- **Change Your Attitude**

- **Become Grateful Again**

- **Enjoy the Season of Thankfulness**

You Have to Make a Conscience Effort to Change Your...

FAITH

**GOT
FAITH?**



FAITH

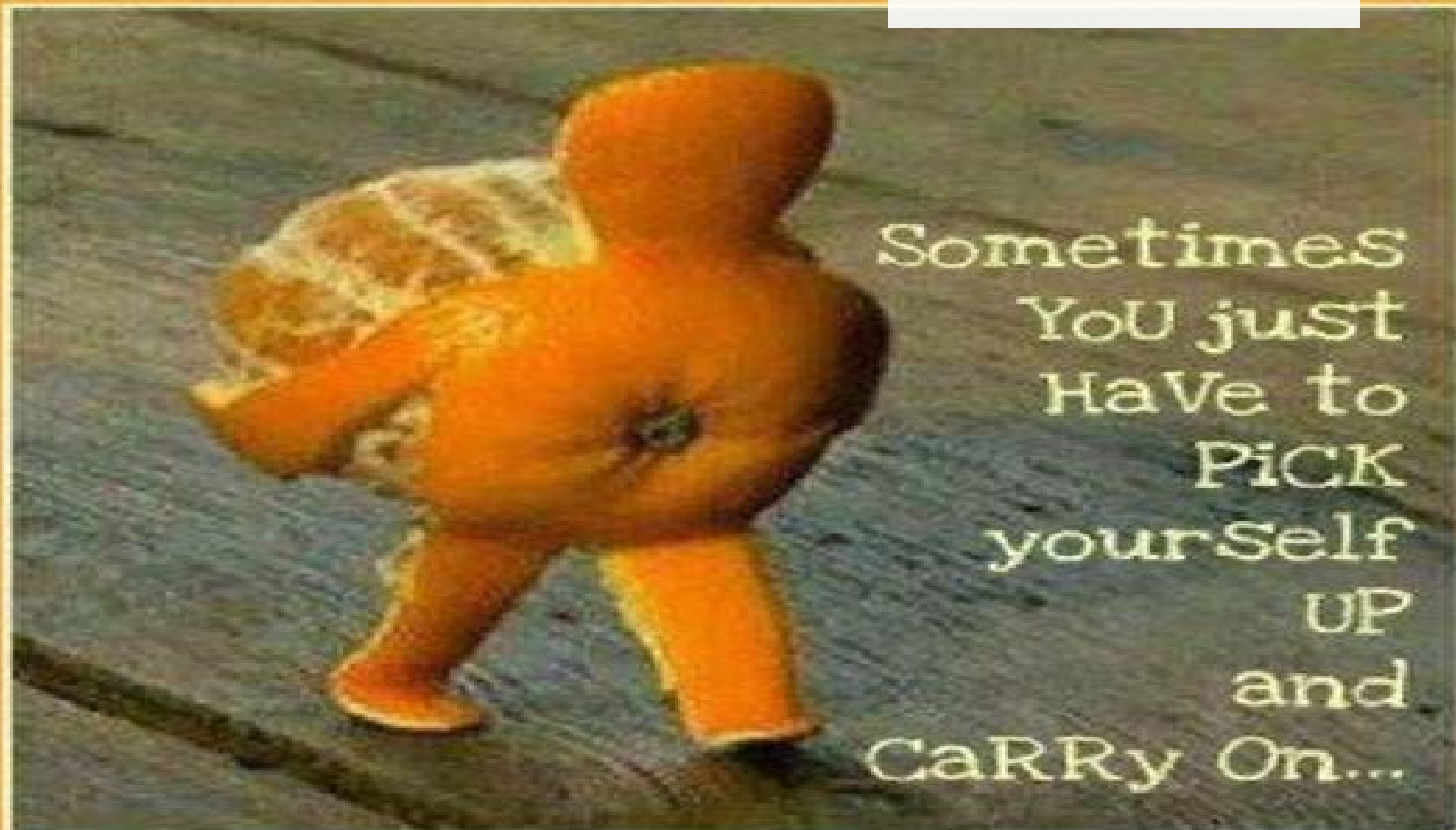
Keep Faith that God Really Is In Control...

...You CAN Trust Him To Take Care of the Situation,

...In HIS Time, in HIS Way – Which Is the BEST Way.

“Jesus responded, ‘Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!’ Then he got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm.” -Matthew 8:26 (NLT)

FORGIVE



Sometimes
You just
Have to
PICK
yourSelf
UP
and
CaRRy On...

WHEN LIFE HANDS YOU LEMONS

FORGIVE

Forgive...

- Past
- Yourself
- Those in Front of You (fellowship)
- Those Who are Not in Front of You (fellowship broken)

Remember: they may need to forgive you, too!

“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.” -Matthew 6:14-15 (NLT)

A sunset over the ocean with the word 'FACE' in a white box.

FACE

"We should
certainly
count our blessings,
but we should also
make our
blessings count."

"We should

FACE

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus

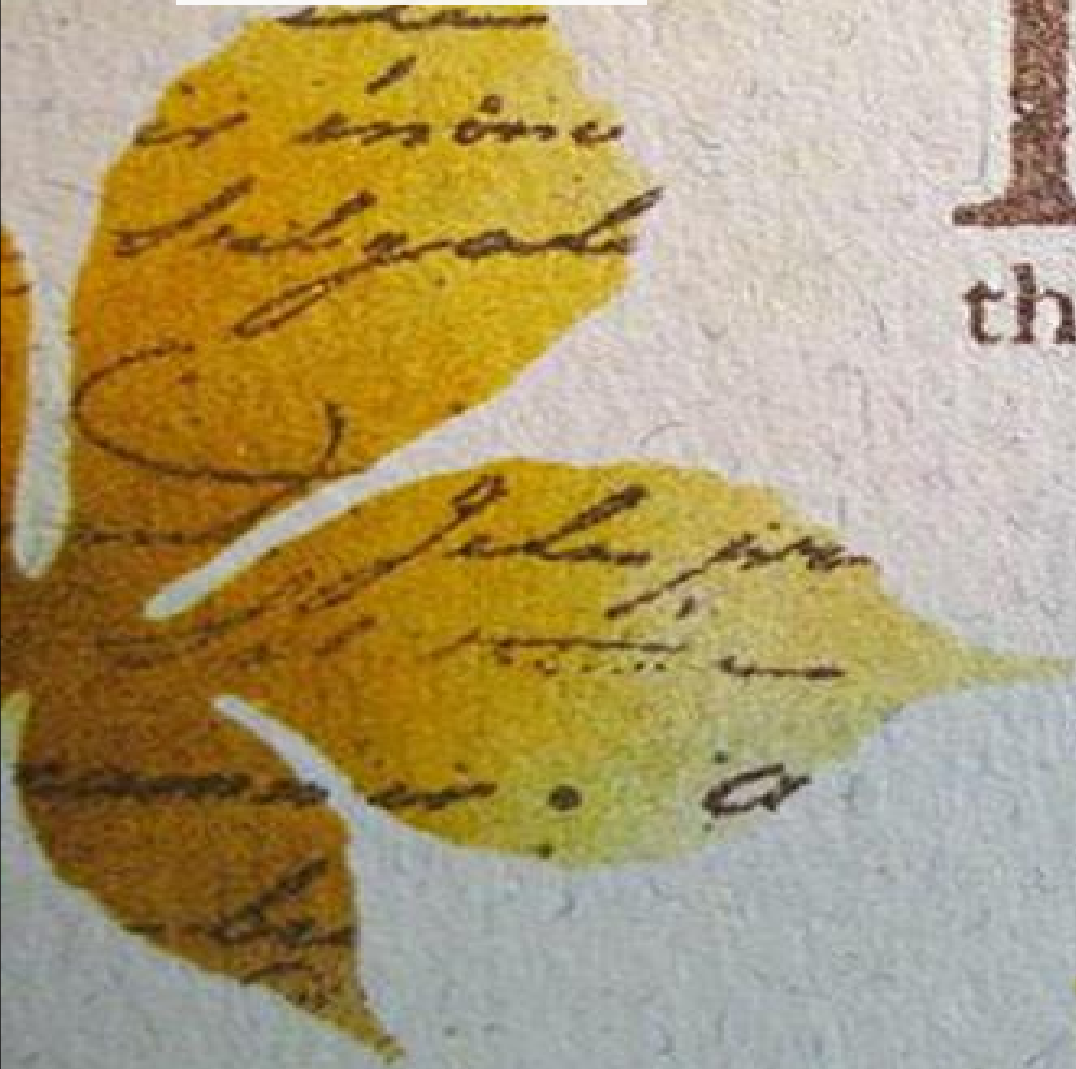
- **Look Forward, not Backward!**
- **Seek HIS Face**
- **Let Him Take Care of the Rest.**

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." –**Matt 6:33 (NLT)**

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blessings count."

FOCUS

If you are *grateful*
for everything,
then whatever you have
is *enough*.



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Focus On...

- **GIFTS** in Front of You
- **What You Have – Not What You Don't Have**

THANK God for the Gifts in Front of You...

...**TRUST** God for the Gifts that are Coming

Focus on the **ETERNAL** Reward –

...**Not** on Your Temporary Home Here on Earth

FORGET NOT

**'SOME PEOPLE COMPLAIN BECAUSE
GOD PUT THORNS ON ROSES, WHILE
OTHERS PRAISE HIM FOR PUTTING
ROSES AMONG THORNS.'**

◀ AUTHOR UNKNOWN

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...True Meaning of Thanksgiving

...And Christmas

God Provided for our Spiritual...

...Physical Needs

Tell God How Thankful You Are for

- **What He has Given to You**
- **What He has Not Given You**

1 Thess 5:18, *“give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you...”*

- **T- Take** Nothing for Granted
- **H- Humble** Yourself Before God
- **A- Action-** Keep Moving Forward...
...Don't Let Circumstances Stop You
- **N- Never** Forget God Is Always In Control
- **K- Keep** Your Eyes on the Blessor..
...Not the Blessing
- **S- Say** “Thanks” Often