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Dumayville - 39ers.

11-7-96 P.M.

I am more thankful
now than I've ever
been before!

Int. Thanks for the honor of sharing this fun-
hour with you. Renew old friendships. etc!
✓ 39ers are real enterprising! Games they go
by all over the U.S.
✓ How to tell when we are getting older:
new one: The Plumber!

message: 3 thoughts: ① Thanksgiving is
Good = the grace - the attitude - the habit.

② Ingratitude is terrible! Unhealthy!
Sinful. ③ Why I am more thankful
now than I've ever been before.

I. Gratitude is Good!!

④ a mood-setter - Great proclamation
about Thanksgiving. Proclamation.
Lee: Washington.

note: Interested in progress in religion,
virtue + "science". Hyper-intellectuals
along the way have thought such folly!
★ Article: History has moved from folly to grand-improvements!
"small-thinking" & thinkers

(B.) Divine Wisdom: Thanksgiving is Good! (2.)
1. Ps. 92:1-2. 2. Ps. 100. 3. Col. 3:17.

1960 Ill. P.A. case: Girl 19 dating a "no-count" boy.
Parents over-pressing. Solution: "Bug-off."
Back: mom + dad married at 15! They became
my "silent-partners!" 8 yrs passed. No word.
1968 Letter of thanks came: Dumped Mr. "no good!"
married Mr. "just-right!" 3 children. Supremely
happy. my payment for advanced-schooling etc. etc.
(counselling etc.) 1 of very few!

Divine Wisdom: Ingratitude is
terrible + sinful!!

1. Quote: "He who calls a man ungrateful,
sums up all the evil of which one
can be guilty." — Swift.
2. Quote: "a grateful dog is better than an
ungrateful man. I.E? S addi."
3. Proverb: Prov. 3:27 "Withhold not good
from them (him) to whom it is due, when
it is in the power of your hand to do it."
Also Rom. 13:7. C.H. does.

a. Two illustrations:
1. 10 Lepers!! Luke 17:17. One returned. "where are 9?"
2. Personal: Youth work: 1941-1968. - 27 yrs.
Two came back! 2 - Brothers. "younger" a left
hand-thanks. Introduced me yrs. later as the man
who kept him out of jail. I did too! Bugged him a lot!
"Older" brother. Salesman on the road. Called
me for a lunch date. Extended a warm,
heart-felt gratitude. Strange! He was one of
the best kids I ever worked with. No trouble
at all. Typical: where are thousands of Bible
15 to 20,000
1947 to 1967. Hard work -
sacrifice - Exhaustion.
Typical!

III I am More Thankful than (3) I have ever been before!

A. Several reasons:


- Spiritual:
1. ✓ John 10:10. Abundant Life.
 2. ✓ 1 Tim. 6:8. Contentment.
 3. ✓ II Pet. 1:3-4. Life + gladness + exceeding great + precious promises. Matt. 6:33.
 4. Spiritual - mate who helps make all this possible. Prov. 18:22. a wife a good thing. Blessed of Jehovah.

Personal:

Thanks!!! B. Aug. 2nd → opened → a new and diff. world to this family! → esp. ME!!
Started with 1: 911^{call} - Chris' quick trip by "Med-Star ambulance" to Columbia Medical Plaza Emergency room. HOSP.
Thought it a heart-attack

2. Aug. 4 - diagnosed: 4 blood clots!
Emergency tests + treatment began: results.

3. 2 pm. Clots in lungs. 10" clot from left groin to knee. 3" clot at mouth of pancreas.

4.  Movement of any clot to brain, heart or lungs would have been fatal!

5. Aug. 6. Main hosp. woman Dr. called me into "family" room. asked if we religious? NOW
Said: all help available to us, was prayer to God. Signs: Pancreatic cancer. Time factor?: 6 mos. least + 1 yr. most time left. Verified by a 2nd doctor: oncologist. We went into quiet shock!

I heeded Phil. 4:6-7. Resignation but little peace!

C. Visions of life's changes & repercussions began to creep into my thinking-field.

"FACING"

1. Empty & silent house. Incredibly terrible.
2. Meals, clothes, house-care all loom large. Totally my job. New living dimension!!!
3. Jon would not have his mother = a contact-point lost. Some left, but main one gone.
4. Decided when she went I would just sit down + "quit breathing" then we could go together. a transfer together after 55 yrs together on earth.

"Emptiness"

5. No reason to go back to our house. reason for living was gone.

MY

* Tricky trips no longer fun. no one there to blog to watch & ask! aug 1989. 13 big ones!

6. Social life choked-down. Couples activities all out! "Group" gatherings only social contacts left.

Conc. Most of the "Abundant" - "gone out of my abundant life!" loved ones - of

Last great goal: to join all the my life who have gone before.

Addendum: Chris' diagnosis in error! Her Recovery coming along fine. not one cancer cell in her body!

We are living in a most-grateful life now. Grateful to God for her state of good health this is what I'm most grateful I've been!

Names

OTHER NAMES FOR

39ERS...

1. 50-upper s. *Dr. Jerry belonged to the Kent 30+ downers!*
2. Golden-Agers.
3. Jolly 60s *if jolly give me a HA HA HA!*
4. Keen-Agers
5. Sunshiners
6. Golden Years
7. 49ers
8. Autumn Leaves (Wichita Falls.)
9. Senior-Saints
10. Jolly-Seniors
11. 60+ers.
12. The Classics. (No. Davis St.)
13. Twifters (Sunset - Dallas)
14. VIP'S (Lynnville)
15. 55-ALIVE.
16. "Spiders" (over 55)
17. LLL *but line Longford & Lick St.*
18. Pace-setters
19. Golden-Reapers
20. Golden-Classics (Whitney)
21. Primetimers (Abilene)

22?

"over the hill'ers!" *"not chosen yet!"*



note the
Plummer!

1996

How to tell when you are
getting old ~~dear~~ Watch the Plummer!
wed. Visit at our house 10/16

Fixed:

1. Kitchen ^{main} sink faucet.
2. Kitchen 2nd sink - double - faucets.
3. Kitchen - cold water faucet. washers.
4. Kitchen - levelled dish washer.
5. Chris' bath - 2 sink washers.
6. Replaced commode internal tank works.
7. My bath - commode internal tank works.

"Total"

I fix - its old house!!!



no - just took
me 2 you to call

the plummer!

We are

now living in plumbing Heaven!

1-800-531-5900



Proclamation

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and to humbly implore His protection and favor, and

Whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint committee requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful heart the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially a form of government for their safety and happiness. Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the people of these great States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was or will be ... that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of this country previous to their becoming a nation. And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions... to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed ... (and) to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among us. Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

"- George Washington"

"History"
Science
1899-1996.

Dear Abby: I am enclosing several quotes from famous people. You may want to pass these along to your readers. I clipped this from the *Arizona Republic* in Phoenix. If you run this in your column, perhaps it might make some of us feel we are not all that stupid. Thank you.

—John Nesbit, Phoenix

Dear John: We can all use a little reassurance. These quotes reaffirm the fact that what may appear sensible at the time can be ludicrous later. For example:

■ "Everything that can be invented has already been invented." (Charles H. Duell, director of the U.S. Patent Office, 1899)

■ "Who wants to hear actors TALK?" (Harry M. Warner, Warner Brothers, 1927)

■ "Sensible and responsible women do not want to vote." (Grover Cleveland, 1905)

■ "There is no likelihood man can ever tap the power of the atom." (Robert Millikan, Nobel Prize in Physics, 1923)

■ "Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible." (Lord Kelvin, president, Royal Society, 1895)

■ "Babe Ruth made a big mistake when he gave up pitching." (Tris Speaker, 1921)

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at the movies?

greeting his wife!!!

Last:

world's greatest home-run bitter!