



“Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.”
(1 Thess. 5:18)

Research has shown repeatedly that an attitude of gratitude contributes to one’s overall mental and physical well being. Yet, I was reminded the other day of another crucial attitude which helps foster deep gratitude. And it came from watching fall leaves blanket the ground with their multicolored splendor.

What attitude? *The gentle art of letting go.* A friend remarked that trees must release their leaves in order to concentrate on storing food for the winter. It’s a survival thing. Yet they accomplish that massive release in a beauty that can stun the senses.

As Black Friday approaches with its consumer frenzy for more, more, more, I invite you to consider what you might release instead. Maybe it’s a possession you could take to Goodwill. Maybe it’s a habit that is keeping you from God’s best in your life. Or maybe it’s an expectation or attitude that’s been hurting yourself and others. In any case, consider the maple trees as they shed leafy canopies. Learn the graceful art of letting go. And be thankful... beautifully.

Your Friend in Jesus,
Scott ❤️
2 Cor. 9:15

KEEPING YOU INFORMED:

- **CHURCH CLEAN UP: Sat., Nov. 1, 9-11 am.** Bring rakes & leaf blowers. Coffeecake and fresh coffee will be there to fuel you! *(If rain, date moved to Nov. 8)*
- **SOUP SUPPER** at John & Diane Grefer’s house (35641 S. Charles Rd, D.I.; Diane 513-850-8712) on Friday

night, **Nov. 14th**, @ **6 pm**. And invite a friend!

- **Operation Christmas Child SHOEBOXES** for needy children worldwide will be collected **Sunday, Nov. 16**. Materials can be picked up at the Church or ordered online [HERE](#). And consider a **SHOEBOX POTLUCK-PACKING PARTY**: Enjoy friends and food in putting together shoeboxes at Lighthouse Church, Wed., Nov. 5, 11 am. Bring a dish to share! Questions? Contact Sue Tyler (906-493-6283) or Kerry Deal (906-430-7486).
- ANNUAL **WINDING OF THE GREENS** on Sunday, **Nov. 30**, following worship. Stay to beautify the Church for Christmas!



Our **Fourth Quarter Mission’s giving** focuses on **international outreach**: A 2026 mission to rural **Romania** through [Perspective Danes](#)

and the lifesaving medical outreach to **Kenya** through [Love Matters Most](#). Please be generous in supporting Jesus’ outreach of love! Collection is **Sunday, Dec. 28**.



Is there anything you feel you could never give up? Trust God with everything to

experience complete freedom.

Our heavenly Father is interested in every detail of our life. If we want Him to work in a particular area—relationships, finances, vocation, habits, or something else—we must be willing to let go and give whatever He asks of us.

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We may think we have no attachments that come between us and the Lord, but He knows our heart. Ask Him to guide you and help you come to a place of being able to say, "Lord, if that's what You desire, I commit it to You. You have the right to claim it at any time, so it's Yours right now."

It's difficult to be completely obedient if we're holding on to something too tightly. The Lord wants us to be attached exclusively to Him. You may have multitudes of things that God has blessed you with, but the moment any of it has a hold on you, His work in your life will be blocked. But when you open your hands, gripping nothing, the Holy Spirit's power can flow unimpeded through you. Then you will be able to experience freedom.

Is there anything you feel you could never give up? Seriously consider whether it holds you captive (Romans 6:19-23). Release that relationship, possession, or situation to the Lord right now so He can give you the freedom you've been craving.

(From: <https://www.intouch.org/read/daily-devotions/the-freedom-of-letting-go>)

God's job is to judge. The Holy Spirit's job is to convict. Jesus' job is to love. We are called to be like Jesus, but some folks want to do all three.

- Billy Graham (from Cheryl Wolf)

Pearls Of Wisdom

"Our True Identity In Christ"
No condemnation awaits us. See:
Romans 8:1
- Ruth Wise

November Birthdays

- 5. Shirley Hollister
- 21. Elmer Klop

- 29. Karin Benson
- 30. Judy Laing

November Anniversaries

- 12. Tim & Laurie Mitchell

(If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, PLEASE let us know!)



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