

President's Message

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Thanksgiving Day, to say a prayer, and thank our Lord for the many privileges we have enjoyed, and to give us strength to help others less fortunate than we.

I hope all of you will enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving Day in the circle of your family, and I also hope that we will celebrate many more Thanksgiving Days together, in happiness, prosperity, and good health.

Cordially,

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Two Kinds Of Government

There are two, and only two forms of government in the world. One is based on the proposition that the sole reason for any individual's existence is to serve the state. The other is based on the completely opposed philosophy that the purpose of government is to promote and protect the rights, freedoms, and liberties of the individual.

All governments, regardless of what they may call themselves, fall squarely into one of these two classifications. And the struggle for power that is now engaging the entire civilized world is the result of the enormous differences between the two concepts.

It is not an exaggeration to say that the United States is the last powerful state which holds that the right of the individual to live his life as he chooses is the most basic and precious of all rights. This, essentially, is the principle which makes all our institutions—free enterprise, representative government, freedom of speech and press and religion—possible. History has proven a thousand times that the destruction of this right is followed by the destruction of all other rights. The totalitarian state—whether it calls itself socialist, fascist, communist, or any thing else—invariably ends in oppression. The kind of government which controls the economic life of a country sooner or later must control all other phases of life. If it tells a man what he must do, where he must work and whom he must support, it will also tell him what he must say and think.

The American people must never forget that freedom must be eternally defended. If we are to maintain the individual's freedom to speak his conscience, without fear of the state police, we must maintain all the liberties upon which a free society depends. Those who temporize with freedom always lose it—Ties.

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Have You A Santa Claus Personality?

Who is the world's champion maker of friends and influencer of people? The old chap with the long, white beard and the rosy cheeks wins, hands down. Step up, Santa Claus, and take a bow!

Why does the world love Santa Claus? Let's take the old chap apart and see what makes him tick!

First of all he is a joyous individual; joy chases away the gloom clouds and fills a room with sunshine. People are attracted to the joyous individual as steel filings are attracted to a magnet.

Next he is interested in making others happy. He has a big time painting smiles on the faces of little children. He increases the happiness-moments in the lives of everyone he meets.

He loves his work. It is said that he hums a merry tune as he builds toys for girls and boys. He gets fun out of his job. He is a dynamo of enthusiasm.

He is childlike. Though he can do miraculous things, like visiting every home in the world in one night, he is humble about it. He does no boasting. He is simple and sincere.

He is eternally youthful. His hair and his beard are

Thanksgiving

By WILBUR G. McFARLAND

An old ritual very dear to most of us declares that "It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God."

Rabbi Simon Greenberg says that "Thanksgiving Day is the only holiday that I know of which was created by one of the modern western Christian nations on the basis of its own national experiences but which nevertheless has a distinctly religious character."

But how easy it is for us to forget or neglect to thank God. I am reminded of the ten lepers who were cleansed but except one none returned to give Glory to God. How many of us will remember that Thanksgiving is meant for thanksgiving, rather than for feasting, hunting, or football? The manner of our celebration may not be so important, but will there be thanksgiving in its spirit.

Let us then ask ourself the question, Why should I thank God?

"God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are." Such was the mistaken prayer and thanksgiving of an ancient religious leader. His prayer was not acceptable to God. Is it true and not mere vain glory and conceit today that we have some blessings of food, physical comforts, material, mental, and spiritual advantages not shared at all or in like degree by some of our neighbors within the land or across the seas? If so, let our thanksgiving be that we may share with the needy, that like Abraham's blessings ours are given us that we may be a blessing to the nations.

Thank God that we may be brothers and share our goods with men. Thank God that we may be sons and share with God all his riches of life and love and joy. Thank God for Truth, Beauty, and Goodness—the eternal values in all reality. Thank God for Jesus the great and good Shepherd who leadeth us in the paths of righteousness and Who by His presence keeps us from fear of evil when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Thank God for hope for all our days forever.

"Lift up your hearts and let us give thanks unto the Lord!"

(Rev. McFarland, shown above, is pastor of the Brevard Methodist Church.)

white, but his heart is young. He keeps up with the times. His arteries are flexible. He is so modern he has given up reindeer and sleigh for an airplane.

Finally, he is a Giver. His philosophy is to give himself in service. He is the friend of everyone. He lives an overflow life.

Santa Claus has built up the greatest business in the world by following his philosophy. Perhaps we could attain greater happiness and success if we emulated him a little more.—Selected.

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Employ thy time well, if thou meanest to gain leisure; and since thou art not sure of a minute, throw not away an hour. Leisure is time for doing something useful, and this leisure the diligent man will obtain, but the lazy man never; for a life of leisure and a life of laziness are two things.—Franklin.



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