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## EBB AND FLOW

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*"And though I ebb in worth, I'll flow in thanks." – John Taylor*

What is your view on thanks? Have you ever spent any time determining your thanks ethic? We all practice our views about various issues in life and it is expressed in our deeds.

Discovering the quote of John Taylor caused me to think when read the phrase, "ebb in worth." The word 'ebb' is not heard often these days, but it means "to decline or decay; fade away." This brings to mind the scripture that says our life is fleeting; it's compared to a vapor of air that quickly vanishes (James 4:14). This does not mean our life is valueless in its content, but it is brief in its existence. The flesh is decaying daily which is why it is imperative everyone live their life in a way that brings glory and honor to God.



The time we have to shine as a light for the Kingdom is limited as is witnessed by the deaths we hear about on a daily basis. Consider the wave in the ocean as it approaches land. It swells and gains momentum until it touches land, at which time the wave disappears. We are captivated by the wave as it is developed and flows towards us, but we can only enjoy it for a quick moment before it ebbs away.

John Taylor's word caused me to realize that the usefulness of our life is limited, so we should spend it giving Thanks to the Lord for all things. As the ebb of our life takes its natural course, would not it be wonderful that when you return to the Lord those who remember us would say we left a memorial revealing that we flowed in thanks?

Spend the year ahead Flowing in Thanks!

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