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THANKFUL FOR CHANGE

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The Lord always amazes me. Like most people, most changes are not something we look forward to with a thanksgiving. When our comfort is disturbed, our routine is altered, or our lifestyle is shifted downward our humanity does not capture a season of thanks but moreso a season of disappointment. This is my season of multiple changes. My finances have decreased, my responsibilities have increased, and I've incurred unexpected debt. I must change my living environment by selling my home and do a major overhaul to decrease my overhead. When I shared my situation with selected individuals the responses were pretty much the same. All were saddened by my circumstances and were sorry I had to make such drastic adjustments. I am thankful for the change and how it is all turning out. Downsizing is not always a negative. I am thankful the Lord has provided a way for me make the necessary changes so I can reduce the burden in my life. Many times less is best! So I choose to be thankful for change as I can see the hand of the Lord orchestrating the entire transition.



I chose to share my circumstances as it may encourage someone who has to make major life changes to stop resenting the change and see the benefit in it. The scripture says in I Thessalonians 5:18, "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus to you-ward." Chance and luck do not design the course of our life. I believe the Lord is in control. As I mature it becomes evident that in our young adult life we pursue owning, collecting and having many things. As life moves us forward aging teaches that much of the stuff we want and sweat to accumulate is not even necessary for a good life. Be thankful for the change in life God sends your way. It is according to His will. Ideally don't we want to be in the will of God over and above everything else?

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