

An Attitude of Gratitude

(video transcript)

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How many of you have seen these fancy calculators that most high school students use now?



It has like 8 million buttons on it...okay, well not maybe 8 million, but A LOT! And it pretty much can perform any function except scrubbing your kitchen sink. Name a mathematic challenge and this baby can probably calculate it. However, there's one arithmetic problem that this calculator can never master, and that is enabling us to count our blessings, and calculate those that are the most important.

I'm Karen Spiegelberg. Welcome to A WORD for Women—a show by women and for women where we build each other up in our amazing and wonderful God-given roles in life!

Counting your blessings. What things do you consider to be blessings, or gifts from God?

I think the first blessing I'll mention is that I never had to learn how to master one of these contraptions. I still blessed with a head that can pretty much solve problems the old-fashioned way. In reality, when asked about our blessings, or what we're grateful for, it's usually easy to rattle off things like a roof over my head, clothing, healthy family, reliable car, food on the table each night, a job, etc. Those are all things to be thankful for, but let's now think of things beyond the material blessings to the non-material gifts that we have received from God.

God sacrificed His Son, and the gift of salvation that comes through that. The forgiveness of sins, the various ways He uses to bring us to faith and keep us in the faith, the Bible, the Holy Spirit, the witness of others, the constant presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives to encourage us, equip us, comfort us, and assure us in our everyday living. The wonder of fellowship with other believers, and those believers He brought into our lives to impact our faith. And then, there's the ultimate eternal blessing, the place He is preparing for us—heaven!

There are many, many other non-material blessings we could talk about. See if you can learn to expand that definition of "blessings". See beyond the material, and add more to your non-material list. When we do, it paints a clear picture of true gratitude. The focus is on the Giver, rather than the gift. The Giver, God, deserves our constant, daily, and unconditional gratitude.

Taking that attitude of gratitude also brings us closer to God, and leads us to love Him more for who He is, and what He's done. Then when those material blessings aren't always there, perhaps you lose a job, or a loved one's health takes a turn, our real focus stays with the greatness of God, and His love for us

through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. And, we are richly blessed beyond any measured calculation. And we can say as in Psalm 107, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. His love endures forever.

With an attitude of gratitude, and a heart that is thankful in Christ, no material blessing can begin to add up.

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And, believe me, when I say those words each time, "Thank you for joining us on A WORD for Women", I don't say them lightly. You as sisters and encouragers in the faith are one of the non-material blessings that we are truly thankful for with this ministry.

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