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Savoring The Sacred Now

The first and last attitude that pleases God and creates power

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"...give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
(1 Thes. 5:18, NIV)

Where's Our Wonder?

We've traded our **joys for jobs.**

We've traded our **soul for security.**

We've traded our **humanity for hurry.**

We've traded our **relationships for responsibilities.**

Enjoy Every Sandwich

"Above all else, **GUARD YOUR HEART**, for it is the wellspring of life." (Prov 4:23, NIV)

Surrender to **the devastating love of Jesus.**

"**Greater love** has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name." (John 15:13-16, NIV)

Submit to **divine providence.**

"You didn't choose me! I chose you! I appointed you to go and produce lovely fruit always, so that no matter what you ask for from the Father, using my name, he will give it to you."
(John 15:16 TLB)

"I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of contentment in every situation, whether it be a full stomach or hunger, plenty or want; for I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power."
(Phil 4:12-13 TLB)

Take nothing **for granted.**

"So they gathered the food morning by morning, each home according to its need; and when the sun became hot upon the ground, the food melted and disappeared. On the sixth day there was twice as much as usual on the ground--four quarts instead of two; the leaders of the people came and asked Moses why this had happened. And he told them, 'Because the Lord has appointed tomorrow as a day of seriousness and rest, a holy Sabbath to the Lord when we must refrain from doing our daily tasks. So cook as much as you want to today, and keep what is left for tomorrow.' And the next morning the food was wholesome and good, without maggots or odor." (Exo 16:21-24, TLB)

Eliminate **hurry.**

"**Be still** before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret--it leads only to evil." (Psa 37:7-8, NIV)

"This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it." (Psa 118:24 TLB)

Stay in **the moment.**

"**Be still**, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." (Psa 46:10, NIV)

"After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, 'I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me.' His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, **was reclining next to him.** Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, 'Ask him which one he means.' **Leaning back against Jesus**, he asked him, 'Lord, who is it?' (John 13:21-25, NIV)

Do today's **to-do's.**

"Anyone, then, who knows **the good** he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins."
(James 4:17, NIV)

Make **today's decisions.**

"So don't be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time." (Mat 6:34, TLB)

Hang with **your mates.**

". . . Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves."
(Rom 12:9-10, NIV)

Never **eat alone.**

Never, never, never **save anything important.**

"Pay all your debts except **the debt** of love for others--never finish paying that! For if you love them, you will be obeying all of God's laws, fulfilling all his requirements." (Rom 13:8, TLB)

"Say there! Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink--even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine and milk--it's all free! Why spend your money on food that doesn't give you strength? Why pay for groceries that do you no good? Listen and I'll tell you where to get good food that fattens up the soul! 'Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, for the life of your soul is at stake. . .'" (Isa 55:1-3, TLB)