Counting Our Blessings

**The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings. (Reflection)**

**Be glad there are artists doing absurd outrageous things – otherwise we might have to do them ourselves. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**If only things were just as bad now as they were before they got so much worse! *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**A bad day on earth is better than a good day anywhere else that we know of. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

**No matter how bad things get, I can always escape into my depression. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 a.m. It could be a right number. (Doug Larson, United Feature Syndicate)**

**As people grow older, they can take some consolation in the fact that even though all their young dreams didn't come true . . . neither did their nightmares. *(Tom R. Kovach, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**Praise God for dirty dishes. At least you have food. (Seen outside Paramus Baptist Church, Paramus, New Jersey)**

 **Don't be unhappy if your dreams never come true -- just be thankful your nightmares don't. *(Bits & Pieces)***

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**A wife is to thank God her husband has faults; a husband without faults is a dangerous observer. *(Sir George Savile)***

**Most human beings have an almost infinite capacity for taking things for granted. (Aldous Huxley, English author)**

**If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world. If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world. If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the worlds wealthy. If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read at all. Have a good day and count your blessings! *(Shirley Watkins, in S.C.U.C.A. Regional Reporter)***

**If you think you have it tough, read history books*. (Bill Maher)***

**Quite often you will hear someone say, “Our minister never calls on our home.” If this is true, you probably have much for which to give thanks to God. It usually means that death has not paid you a recent visit, that no serious illness has laid low the members of your family, that you are not a shut-in, that the surgeon's knife has not lately threatened you, that you have no serious marital problems, and that you are not spiritually delinquent. (Inspiring Quotations Contemporary and Classical)**

**I never had many of the things others had – but that includes their troubles. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

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**Dean: “Heart, look! Gollum wasn't lying! There's Mount Doom!” Heart: “The end of your quest is at hand, Dean! As we speak, Sauron's evil legions gather for a climactic battle! You must climb the mount and cast the ring into the molten depths and save middle-earth! Go!” Dean: “And to think I used to complain when my Mom asked me to take out the trash.” *(Mark Tatulli, in Heart of the City comic strip)***

**We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures. *(Thornton Wilder)***

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