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Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving was two days away and the streets were busy with people shopping for food and all those things needed for this special day. The sky was cloudy and the sun warmed the air as it peeked through the clouds.

Levi took a seat on the steps of the Oliver building, placed his cap beside his feet and took a sign from under his coat. The sign read, "I am blind, please help." Levi was twelve years old and had been blind since birth. He sat patiently and smiled as folks passed by; some putting money in his hat and others ignored him, too busy to stop.

Charles, a minister at a church in the county, noticed that the hat contained only a few coins and reading Levi's sign he took a twenty dollar bill from his wallet and placed it in the hat. He picked the sign up, wrote something on it and placed it by the hat so those who walked by would see it. Charles said goodbye and continued on his way.

With his errands completed Charles decided to check on Levi. “How is it going?” he asked Levi, noticing that the hat was overflowing. “Great,” said Levi with a big smile. Levi recognized the voice and asked, “Were you the one who changed my sign, and what did you write?”

Charles responded, “I wrote what you had on your sign, but in a different way. I wrote; “Today is a beautiful day, but I cannot see it.”

Both signs told the people that Levi was blind, however the second sign told the people how blessed they were to be able to see. A tear ran down Charles’s face as Levi softly said, “Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for caring about a blind boy.” As Charles walked back to his car he knew what his sermon would be on Sunday.

Are we thankful for the blessings God provides? When we awake each morning do we take a few minutes to thank God for a new day? Do we take for granted the blessings of being able to breath, see, hear, speak, walk and the many other things our body can do?

The Thanksgiving holiday will be here soon and families will gather together to celebrate; enjoy good food, and the company of loved ones. No matter what is going on in our lives there are many things to be thankful for. I encourage each of you to spend time daily reflecting on how richly blessed you are and thank God for those blessings.

From Levi, Charles and me, HAPPY
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