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THANK YOU FATHER

Dear God:

I want to thank You for what You have already done.

I am not going to wait until I see results or receive rewards, I am thanking You right now.

I am not going to wait until I feel better or things look better, I am thanking You right now.

I am not going to wait until people say they are sorry or until they stop talking about me,

I am thanking You right now.

I am not going to wait until the pain in my body disappears, I am thanking You right now.

I am not going to wait until my financial situation improves, I am going to thank You right now.

I am not going to wait until the children are asleep and the house is quiet,

I am going to thank You right now.

I am not going to wait until I get promoted at work or until I get the job,

I am going to thank You right now.

I am not going to wait until I understand every experience in my life that has caused me pain or grief,

I am going to thank You right now.

I am not going to wait until the journey gets easier or the challenges are removed.

I am thanking You right now.

I am thanking You because I am alive.

I am thanking You because I made it through the day's difficulties.

I am thanking You because I have walked around the obstacles.

I am thanking You because I have the ability and the opportunity to do more and do better.

I'm thanking You because Father, You haven't given up on me.

-- Author Unknown

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THE SILVERSMITH

Some time ago, a few ladies met in a certain city to study the scriptures. While reading the third chapter of Malachi, they came upon a remarkable expression in the third verse:

"And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver (Malachi 3:3)"

One lady proposed to visit a silversmith, and report to them on what he said about the subject. She went accordingly, and without telling the object of her errand, begged the silversmith to tell her about the process of refining silver.

After he had fully described it to her, she asked, "But Sir, do you sit while the work of refining is going on?"

"Oh, yes madam," replied the silversmith; "I must sit with my eyes steadily fixed on the furnace, for if the time necessary for refining be exceeded in the slightest degree, the silver will be injured."

The lady at once saw the beauty, and comfort too, of the expression, "He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver." God sees it needful to put His children into a furnace; His eye is steadily intent on the work of purifying, and His wisdom and love are both engaged in the best manner for us. Our trials do not come at random, and He will not let us be tested beyond what we can endure.

Before she left, the lady asked one final question, "When do you know the process is complete?"

"Why, that is quite simple," replied the silversmith. "When I can see my own image in the silver, the refining process is finished."

-- Author Unknown

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I STILL NEED HELP – PLEASE!!

Sir Knights and Companions, I posted last month how I **REALLY** need your help in maintaining our supplement. I haven't received any articles from any of our officers or Sir Knights since February. I have been trying to find filler material, but that is a poor substitute for information on what's currently going on in our bodies. **PLEASE** try to find the time to provide information for our fellow Sir Knights and Companions. I'm sure someone is doing something that would be of interest to our members. Thank you to those who have done so in the past.