



Bad or Good Year? by Anonymous (as found on the Internet)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

A famous writer was in his study room. He picked up his pen and started writing:

- * Last year, I had a surgery and my gallbladder was removed. I had to stay stuck to the bed due to this surgery for a long time.
- * The same year I reached the age of 60 years and had to give up my favourite job in the Publishing company in which I had spent 30 years of my life
- * The same year I experienced the sorrow of the death of my father.
- * And in the same year my son failed in his medical exams because he had a car accident. He had to stay in bed at hospital with the cast on for several days. The destruction of car was another loss.

At the end he wrote: Alas! It was such bad year!!

When the writer's wife entered the room, she found her husband looking sad lost in his thoughts. From behind his back she read what was written on the paper, left the room silently and came back with another paper which she placed on the side of her husband's writing.

The husband found the following written on the paper:

- * Last year I finally got rid of my gall bladder due to which I had spent years in pain.
- * I turned 60 with sound health and got retired from my job. Now I can utilize my time to write something better with more focus and peace.
- * The same year my father, at the age of 95, without depending on anyone or without any critical condition met his Creator.
- * The same year, God blessed my son with a new life. My car was destroyed but my son stayed alive without getting any disability.

At the end she wrote: Last year was an immense blessing of God and it passed well!!

See!! The same incidents but different viewpoints.

MORAL: It's not happiness that makes us grateful, but gratefulness that makes us happy.

- * There is always, always something to be thankful for.
- * **ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING:** And attitude is the one thing that we can control.
- * Your current position is somebody's future expectation.
- * Your life now is somebody's prayer request.
- * Don't let the devil point at you that somebody is doing better than you. It is a strategy for ingratitude.
- * Anything you celebrate multiplies, anything you despise diminishes.

- * Appreciation is the vehicle for acceleration.
- * Gratitude is the lift to great altitude.
- * To see what God will do, you must acknowledge what God has done.

Stay grateful.

I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. - **Philippians 4:11b - 13**

I will praise the Lord according to His righteousness,
And will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High. - **Psalm 7:17**

Save Me from the lion's mouth
And from the horns of the wild oxen!
You have answered Me.
I will declare Your name to My brethren;
In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.
You who fear the Lord, praise Him! - **Psalm 22:21-23**

The Lord is my strength and my shield;
My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped;
Therefore my heart greatly rejoices,
And with my song I will praise Him. - **Psalm 28:7**

I love the Lord, because He has heard
My voice and my supplications.
Because He has inclined His ear to me,
Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live. - **Psalm 116:1-2**