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## A Thought for Today about Gratitude

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**“Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others.”  
- Cicero**

Gratitude for Christ’s sacrifice on the cross leads to faith.

Gratitude for the gift of faith leads to a life of moral excellence.

Gratitude for the Holy Spirit at work in us leads to knowing God better.

Gratitude for the privilege of getting to know God better leads to self-control.

Gratitude for supernatural assistance leads to patient endurance through troubled times.

Gratitude for God’s helping us to persevere leads to a conscientious effort to live a godly life.

Gratitude for God’s faithful love and tenderhearted mercy leads to sincere love for other Christians.

This glorious process -- outlined by Peter in his second letter, unknown by Cicero -- all begins with gratitude.

***“I will thank the LORD.”***  
(Psalm 7:17 NLT)



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