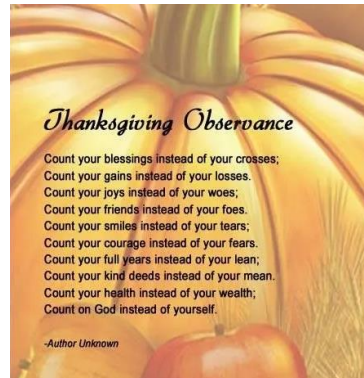




## The Spotlight - December 2021



*Like us, so many of you will have celebrated Thanksgiving Day this past month by giving thanks to God for His endless blessings. It is said that every day should be a day of Thanksgiving for Christians. Certainly, it's possible to make it so if we keep our eyes looking up instead of down and we can personally testify to the blessing of praising God when circumstances appear far from good. We have faced tough trials on many fronts this past two months, but God has walked us step-by-step through each one, not least, He has restored us both back to full health!*

*So, here we are between Thanksgiving and Christmas, which is a bit of a no man's land in terms of when the latter can begin. For eager beavers like us, it's never too soon to start celebrating Christmas. We'll let you into a secret now: like Thanksgiving, Christmas is something of a year-round event for us. Now, here's a second secret: we'd love to have our very own Christmas shop just so we could live Christmas every day! However, we know others who won't put up their tree until Christmas Eve and we see people 'battling' with each other over whether it's too early to start celebrating Christmas in November. So, who is right? Our answer to that question is: everyone! For those who derive the most joy from decorating on Christmas Eve, good for them, and for those who love to decorate in November, good for them too. It's so sad that we find ourselves living in an ever-increasing judgmental world where everyone must agree with one view on any topic and are derided if they don't!*

*We're just glad the world is celebrating Christmas, for whilst ever it exists as a holiday celebration, people around the world have the chance to discover the real meaning of Christmas. We love sharing this little video of Linus explaining the meaning of Christmas to Charlie Brown. If you've never watched it check it out [here](#) and if you like it, maybe you can share it too.*

*As always, we leave you with links to messages featured since our last newsletter.*

- [1. What Does the Bible Say About Halloween? - John W. Schoenheit](#)
- [2. Taking God at His Word - Mike Mazzalongo](#)
- [3. How to Hear from God - Joyce Meyer](#)
- [4. Making Wise Decisions - Dr. Charles Stanley](#)
- [5. The Danger of Neutrality - Billy Graham](#)

*As this is the last Spotlight we'll send this year, we'll end by wishing you a wonderful Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!*

*Jim & Elaine*

*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)*

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