

CLANCY'S CLICHÉS

I like to play with words. Interestingly enough, if you spy the word Gratefulness, there's a wonderful hidden message in it. Read on:



Imagine you've been stuck in a cavernous vacuum. Take everything away and out of sight. That's including your home, family, friends, conveniences, smartphones - everything. You're in a dark void and can't even see, hear, feel, or sense anything. Time has seeped away and all you have are your thoughts.

What do you feel? After what seems like ages, a pinpoint of light starts growing larger in the distance. Stop and think...What do you feel? Wondrous smells of baking bread wafts through your nostrils. Stop and think...What do you feel? Strains of beautiful music, birds singing, and laughter fill the air. Stop and think...What do you feel?

Day in and day out we receive a boatload full of blessings - the convenience of our homes and cars, family and friends, our health, our senses. Receiving something on a regular basis makes us pretty immune to the gift that it is and creates expectation and entitlement. Are we sucked into that vacuum of darkly ignoring life around us? What do we feel? Do we get upset when treats aren't offered after dinner or if the internet crashes? Do we fail to be grateful or do we come to expect these good things? What do we feel?

Give thanks, even for the little things, even when it challenges us and takes faith to do so. Focus on what we do have and not what we don't have. Choose to be grateful, to appreciate, to recognize the goodness all around and how full life is. Express it through your actions every day. Escape the vacuum into the fullness of appreciation.

See! Gratefulness is GreatFULLness!

Detective Clancy at your Service!



Clancy's Cackles

Stuffing. Lots of stuffing.

What is the best Thanksgiving cookie?

One baked with May-flour.



What's the easiest recipe for a pumpkin pie?

Simply divide the pumpkin's circumference by its diameter.



(Thank
Jakey for
that one!)

