

## Thanksgiving is tomorrow what are you thankful for?

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Here I am at 5 AM in the morning sitting at my desk and thinking of all that I am thankful for in this thanksgiving season. Foremost, I am alive another day. I wake up and continue to breath. My heart still ticks along fine meaning that I can continue my life just a little bit longer. Secondly, in mind is the thought that I have my wife still active in my home and life. Many of our friends in our age group have lost their spouse and now face the upcoming holiday season alone.

Now I come to my three children. I am thankful that they have avoided many of the current threats of early youth in this day and age. I did not have to worry about them getting involved with drugs or perhaps becoming alcoholics, to this, I thank god. Perhaps their unconcern for vices like alcohol and drugs stems from being brought up in a foreign country. Most of their lives were spent in Spain. There were no age limits to buy beer and related drinks therefore the challenge was not there. Drugs never provided a challenge in their life since they had many activities and likes to keep them occupied. I now have an abundance of grandchildren who like their fathers do not get involved in the vices of life. I am proud of all of them.

I am thankful as a survivalist and prepper that the proverbial SHTF has not taken place and I must consider ourselves blessed that the world as we know it has not yet

ended. Every year I start to hope that the residents of earth will get their acts together and start living as we should before such events take place.

With all of this to be thankful for I often ask myself why I continue to be a prepper or survivalist. I continually send myself on quests to learn new skills and principles that will enhance my ability to protect my family and friends. I have followed various survival groups over the years and enjoyed the lifestyle that they promoted. I have enjoyed and embraced our lifestyle preparing for the unknown with multiple means of supplying emergency water sources, providing alternative methods of accomplishing off grid power, backing up with multiple heat systems, stocking up with our two to three-year supply of long-term food, vegetable growing and small livestock husbandry. Over the years my wife and I have established both tactical and strategic procedures to remain safe in our homes. We have both obtained CCW permits in more than one state so we feel confident when we go out or travel.

Over the years I have viewed prepping as a means of keeping my family and I safe and alive and not so much to produce the same effect in other people although I hope that my survival meet-ups were helpful to others. It has been a lot of work however now I question if perhaps I should have left fate to take its normal progression regardless of the outcome. I ponder thoughts of parting ways with most of my armory and equipment. There is little doubt in my mind that Pam and I could survive several years on our current food supplies. These are things that we once thought were necessary to survive any type of SHTF scenario. The point is that this alleged SHTF has yet to take place. Perhaps it would be appropriate for my wife and me to part ways with our survival assets and possibly take life easier and once again travel to locations which we have yet to see since we are still fairly healthy and can get around readily enough.

Do any of my other fellow preppers or survivalists get these ideas and notions as well? I certainly cannot be the only person who gets discouraged at all this prepping and encountering those people who feel that nothing is ever going to take place. Perhaps apartment living would be better suited for us at this stage of life than the mini-farm and its many responsibilities. We would naturally maintain the mini-farm as a retreat in dire emergencies and have it within close proximity to our living quarters. What are your thoughts on these issues? What are you thanking God for on this Thanksgiving day of 2020?