

I am sitting on the steps of my home, and wonder what the heck do I have to be thankful for? I do not have a job after two years and a full year of school. Tough, rough, thought I would break, school. My other half lost his job last week. I am 50 years old and right now I simply can not find anything to be thankful for. I have grown weary of my life as it is so hard to understand why so much has been pushed against me and mine. My house is falling a part, we may loose it now that Pat is not working and I know I am going to loose my unemployment shortly. This stinks! Washington and Wisconsin government people have their heads so far outside the realm of reality, yes, I certainly was gonna say something else but, that they all think it is only a matter of screwing the other party or they think they are God, and they still think things are getting better! (It must be awfully dark in the reality I see them in!) 10,000 more jobs lost in our state when we were promised 250,000 new jobs. The decay of our society as we know it began years ago and still those that get it all free, insurance, housing, cars, trips and what not, think they are the only ones entitled to those things. To bad we elected them into that belief system. Then I remembered something. Change. Change is what I have to be thankful for. Change is a constant. It can go either way but it is the one thing that no matter which direction it goes in, is constant. Everything changes. Good, bad or ugly, I will not mention Washington or Madison here as it is implied, (yeah right!), change is constantly on the move. I have the capacity to change. We all know that we have to know the difference between what we can and can not change. We can change our selves the most. Then because of change, there comes hope. Hope for better things to come. Without hope, we loose all sense of dreams. Not that we have not lost a lot of those these days but it is also still there. It has to be or none of us would be hanging on for dear life on this wicked, horrible ride. Those dreams we have as far off in the distance or even at this point seem unobtainable are what cause us to action. Action is the next thing to be thankful for. As long as we do something, anything, to be proactive in our own lives, we get a result, even if it is as simple as existing. Without those actions, we get no results. Results are what we are after. So here is what I have to be thankful thus far. Change as nothing stays the same. Hope that change can bring. Dreams because of hope that still have a chance to be fulfilled. Actions to make those all work together to bring results. Life is nothing but mere leg work. It is a mad dash at times but if it is taken slow and easy, the rest falls into place.

So the things I have to be thankful for are what I do have, not what I do not have. I have several boxes of Mac N' Cheese to feed me and mine. I have a roof over my head that keeps me dry and warm. It may leak a bit and the foundation may be falling apart but it ain't the 35th street viaduct. I have friends and family who can if needed, take us in. I have the ability to change! What it all boils down to is that I can be thankful for me! I am my best asset, my best chance at change and hope. So dig deep and be thankful for you! So many of us forget that we are allowed to appreciate and believe in ourselves. We need that now more than ever. Our own strength, courage and fortitude are our arsenal. For when we fight for ourselves, our loved ones will have a sturdy and brave pillar to hold onto. Happy Thanksgiving!