

I've challenged myself to being thankful for at least one thing each day for the thirty days of November. I'm posting each day's thanks on my website, so I'm asking my column and web-readers to keep me honest. I have a list of things I'm thankful for, but I thought it would be fun to see what other people are thankful for. So, off internet browsing I went. We all know that everything on the internet is illuminating, inspirational, and downright truthful.

So let me share with you some of the nuggets I found. There's this Canadian guy named Michael Kerr that has posted a "Book of Days" for November. I found his list quite educational. Not only was November 1st All Saints' Day, it was International Stress Awareness Day, as if we all needed something else to stress about. But November 1st was Author's Day. I'm sure you feel incredibly guilty for not sending your favorite author a "thinking of you card."

November 2 was Men Make Dinner Day. (Men, write that down for 2018, okay?) Today, November 4 is a good day, for it is Use Your Common Sense Day. I don't even want to think about the ways to celebrate November 8 which is National Dunce Day. It looks like Veterans will have to share November 11 with those celebrating Red Lipstick Day. November 14 will be a great day for me and millions of other diabetics as we celebrate National Diabetic Day and Spicy Guacamole Day and Pickle Day at the same time. November 15 will be awesome; it's National I Love to Write Day!

Look out Facebook fans, for November 17 is Unfriend Day. It's closely followed by Have a Bad Day Day on November 19. The day after Thanksgiving, November 24, is National You're Welcomegiving Day. November 26 is Random Acts of Kindness Day.

However, all days are days we should take in God's Word. Every day should be set aside to fulfill 2nd Timothy 3:16: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." Today is the day we can understand the significance of Psalm 118:22-24: "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

We should name every day we draw breath as Day to Encourage, for Hebrews 3:13 says, "Encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'Today,' so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." Every day should be the day to testify to the power of 1st Thessalonians 5:16-18: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

It's your book of days, my friend. Today is National _____ Day. What will you be doing for God today?