2 GIVING

Show, don't tell. Act, don't think. Give, don't take. Be the most grateful person you know this Thanksgiving. It will make all the difference.

- 1. Write a (hand written) note .
- 2. Send flowers.
- 3. Shovel snow.
- 4. Tag an old friend in a happy throw back photo.
- 5. Send a thank you note to a favorite teacher.
- 6. Walk the halls of a nursing home, and cheerfully greet the residents you see.
- 7. Make pies for the local fire station.
- 8. Take a walk with a neighbor.
- 9. Call your mom. Or someone who'd been like a mom to you at one point in your life.
- 10. Skype with your brother. Or someone you wish was your brother.
- 11. Make a list of your blessings.
- 12. Color pictures with a young child.
- 13. Make a cup of tea for a friend.
- 14. Look into the eyes of your child when he speaks to you.
- 15. Give your attention, complete and total, to your spouse when she talks about her day.
- 16. Write a letter to the editor, not to complain but to compliment.
- 17. Send a note to the mayor and tell her what she's doing well.
- 18. Think about home.
- 19. Fly the flag in appreciation of freedom.
- 20. Loan your oven and a helping hand to an overworked hostess.
- 21. Vacuum your teen's car without commenting on its contents.
- 22. Be the first one to hop up to take the dog out.
- 23. Knit a scarf for a loved one.

24. Volunteer.

25. Shop for a family who won't have much Christmas this year.

26. Leave the TV off.

27. Pray.

- 28. Pay for a stranger's order in the drive-through behind you.
- 29. Display photos of your ancestors, and talk to your kids about them.
- 30. Gaze at a globe and contemplate the bigness of it all.
- 31. Recycle.
- 32. Sort your closet and give (good) stuff away.
- 33. Collect all your extra hotel shampoos and take them to a shelter.

34. Doodle.

- 35. Work out with a keen awareness of the amazing human body.
- 36. Polish your spouse's shoes or boots.
- 37. Compliment.
- 38. Encourage.
- 39. Create.
- 40. Pause.
- 41. Go outside at sunrise.
- 42. Go outside at sunset.
- 43. Tip the newspaper carrier extra for carrying the heavy Thanksgiving paper.
- 44. Tip everyone extra.
- 45. Cut out some leaves, get a stick and make a thankful tree.
- 46. Hold hands.
- 47. Hug.
- 48. Kiss your husband longer than you usually do.
- 49. Smile.
- 50. Share a meal.

