

12 Not-So-Obvious Things to be Thankful for this Thanksgiving

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Most of us have a lot of things to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. We have jobs, homes, family, friends, and so much more. But, this Thanksgiving, perhaps we should be thankful for a few other things in our life that are not so obvious. Why not be thankful for the simple things, the things most of us overlook or take advantage of?

1. The woman at the coffee shop who shows up every morning to serve her customers with enthusiasm and energy. For showing us that our life's purpose doesn't have to be so grand and can be as simple as making a positive contribution to someone else's day.
2. The rude guy at the restaurant for making us realize that all of us have some baggage we're carrying around and sometimes the best strategy is forgiveness.
3. The disgruntled worker who can make us realize that it's easy to put blame on others but harder to look within.
4. Kids sometimes don't listen to their parents because sometimes parents can be just plain wrong.
5. Relationships gone sour for helping us discover the power of resilience that we didn't know we had inside.
6. Plans that went completely south but gave us a chance to discover a beautiful new path we never would have taken otherwise.
7. The deep conversations with a total stranger, showing us that no matter where we come from, we're all the same inside.
8. Those who resist change, because it teaches us that letting go is hard to do but still a choice. And while it's easy to default to the usual, we have to make the effort to change because that's where real growth happens.
9. The person who didn't give us a fair chance at an opportunity, because it forced us to reinvent ourselves into something better.
10. The rough rocks of rejection we had to go through because they became the stepping stones to our success.
11. The seemingly annoying friend who puts inspiration quotes on Facebook everyday. Even though we don't read them all, our soul appreciates it because words matter.
12. The gray hair we try to hide, because each one shows us the mark of wisdom that we've earned through the years.

So this Thanksgiving, be thankful for everything that life has to offer– the good, the bad, and the bumpy.

