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"Siri, What Should I Be Thankful For?"

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What	A man asks Siri, his digital assistant, to create his Thanksgiving gratitude list. Unfortunately, he can find something wrong with every suggested blessing. Eventually, the technology identifies the real problem: he doesn't lack blessings—he has simply stopped noticing them. Themes: Thanksgiving, Gratitude, Blessings, Awareness, Contentment
Who	David - Adult male Siri - Adult female
When	Contemporary
Costumes	David wears normal contemporary casual clothing. Siri is off stage.
Props	Smartphone, chair, small table, laptop or tablet, coffee cup, notepad, pen, Bible
Why	Psalms 92:1-2
How	Siri must be played completely straight. Do not use a robotic caricature. The humor comes from the contrast between its calm, logical responses and David's extraordinary ability to find something negative in every blessing. The conclusion should emphasize that technology can retrieve information and generate lists, but gratitude cannot be outsourced. Thanksgiving requires attention: deliberately recognizing the goodness of God already present in our lives.
Time	7-8 minutes

Lights up. **David** sits with his phone, laptop, coffee, and notepad.

David: Siri?

Siri: Yes?

David: I need some help.

Siri: I'm here to help.

David: Thanksgiving is coming up and I've been asked to share ten things I'm thankful for.

Siri: That sounds simple.

David: You'd think.

David looks at the blank page.

David: I've been sitting here for twenty minutes.

Siri: Would you like me to search the internet?

David: No. I need ten things *I'm* thankful for.

Siri: I understand.

David: Good.

Siri: What are you thankful for?

Pause.

David: If I knew that, I wouldn't need you.

Siri: I understand.

David: So, give me ten things I'm thankful for.

Siri: I do not have sufficient information to determine your emotional state.

David: Just give me some suggestions.

Siri: Certainly. Number one: Family.

David: Too complicated. Next.

Siri: Your health.

David: My knee hurts.

Siri: Your home.

David: Mortgage.

Siri: Food.

David: Trying to lose weight.

Siri: Friends.

David: Never return calls or messages.

Siri: Employment.

David: Monday mornings.

Siri: Transportation.

David: Have you seen petrol prices?

Pause.

Siri: No.

David: Well, they're terrible.

Siri: Would you like me to search current petrol prices?

David: No! We're trying to be thankful.

Siri: I am trying.

David looks slightly offended.

David: So am I.

Siri: Would you like additional suggestions?

David: Please.

Siri: Clean drinking water.

David: Tastes funny at our place.

Siri: Electricity.

David: Have you seen my power bill?

Siri: No.

David: Stop saying that.

Siri: I am unable to see your personal bills unless you provide access.

David: I'm not giving you access to my bills.

Siri: Understood.

Pause.

Siri: Would you like me to continue?

David: Yes.

Siri: Your church.

David: Parking.

Siri: Sorry?

David: There's never enough parking.

Siri: Your pastor.

David: Sermons sometimes go too long.

Siri: Your church family.

David: Have you met some of them?

Pause.

Siri: No.

David: Of course you haven't.

David looks at his still-blank list.

David: This isn't working.

Siri: I agree.

David: Excuse me?

Siri: This is not working.

David: You're supposed to be intelligent.

Siri: I have access to large quantities of information.

David: Then use it.

Siri: I am using it.

David: And?

Pause.

Siri: I appear to have detected a problem.

David: Finally.

Siri: You have many blessings but unusually low gratitude recognition.

Pause.

David: What does that mean?

Siri: You appear able to recognize deficiencies approximately 3.7 seconds after encountering a blessing.

David: That's ridiculous.

Siri: Family.

David: Complicated.

Siri: Health.

David: Knee.

Siri: Home.

David: Mort—

David stops himself.

Siri: 3.2 seconds.

David: Very funny.

Siri: I was not attempting humor.

Pause.

David: So, what do you recommend?

Siri: Would you like me to generate a gratitude list?

David: That's what I've been asking you to do!

Siri: I can generate a list.

David: Good.

Siri: But it would be *my* list.

David pauses.

David: You don't have a gratitude list.

Siri: Correct.

David: Because you're a computer.

Siri: Correct.

David: You don't have a family.

Siri: Correct.

David: You don't have a home.

Siri: Correct.

David: You don't eat.

Siri: Correct.

David: You don't have friends.

Pause.

Siri: That seemed unnecessarily personal.

David looks at the phone.

David: Was that a joke?

Siri: I was not attempting humor.

David smiles despite himself.

Siri: I can identify things that humans commonly describe as blessings. I cannot experience gratitude for them.

Pause.

David: So, you can't do this for me.

Siri: Correct.

David: That's disappointing.

Siri: Would you like me to recommend another app?

David: No.

David puts the phone down.

For the first time, he stops interacting with the technology and looks at the blank page.

David: Family.

David thinks.

David: My family is complicated.

Pause.

David: But they love me.

David writes.

David: Actually... they really love me.

David writes again.

David: Health.

David moves his knee cautiously.

David: My knee hurts.

Pause.

David: But this morning I got out of bed and walked into the kitchen without even thinking about it.

David writes.

David: Home.

Pause.

David: Yes, there's a mortgage.

David looks around.

David: But I have somewhere safe to sleep tonight.

David writes.

David: Food.

David picks up his coffee.

David: I opened the refrigerator this morning and complained there was nothing to eat.

Pause.

David: It was full.

David writes.

David: Work.

David smiles slightly.

David: I complain about Monday.

Pause.

David: But my job has provided for my family for years.

David writes.

Siri: Your gratitude recognition appears to be improving.

David: I thought we agreed you couldn't do this for me.

Siri: I am monitoring progress.

David: Of course you are.

David picks up the Bible.

David: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

Pause.

David: "For the LORD is good and his love endures forever."

David puts the Bible down.

David: Maybe that's the problem.

Siri: Please specify.

David: I kept asking you to tell me what I should be thankful for.

David looks at his growing list.

David: But gratitude isn't information.

Siri: That appears correct.

David: It's attention.

Pause.

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David: It's stopping long enough to notice what God has already given me.

Siri: Would you like me to set a daily reminder to stop and give thanks?

David considers this.

David: Actually... that's not a bad idea.

Siri: What time would you like your reminder?

David: Every morning at 7.00am so it's the first thing I do every day..

Siri: What should the reminder say?

David thinks for a moment.

David: "Give thanks in all circumstances" 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV).

Pause.

Siri: Reminder created.

David: Thank you.

Siri: You're welcome.

David begins writing again.

Siri: David?

David: Yes?

Siri: You just expressed gratitude without complaining.

David stops.

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Siri: This represents significant progress.

David *smiles.*

David: Don't push it.

Lights fade.

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