Lions Club
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Thanksgiving

1. Grateful. Recently encouraged by clin. psych from Utrecht.
2. Tomorrow Thanksgiving. Dig not into Amer. hist. or triad. but a letter from a minister, from prison to ch. that cared and sent gift.
3. Answer contains fascinating and yet strange statement.
   I know the secret, learned the mystery of having much, having little.
4. It is a mystery. How teach you?
   a. From preaching heard in childhood.
      1) Low wood, Hooker, tents, dim lights, sticky tables, children, clamor, confusion, smoke, loud laughter, cigarettes in evening, state beer.
      2) High wood - Mexia girls, $20 bills in hospitals, market, singing, looking for meat, all gone, under pressure, what glory or love.
   b) From mixed picture in our culture, Bible. Psa. 1 + 24. Soil garnish. like grain but under own wgt.
   c) From mixed picture in our culture. Poor to rich & rich to poor.
   d) Mixed personal feelings. Permit heart to preach, not mouth.
5. Learned secret -
   a) much - grace. w/o splash.
   b) little - grace w/o bitterness.

6. And what is secret?

Life not commit in what have, don't have. No need to pretend either way. Outs Box, always a flourish. Keep distance when have it, don't have it.

Life is in Creator, Giver of it all.

Walk off - measure your intent as children of God.

Don't have to prove either way.
Don't have to pretend either way.