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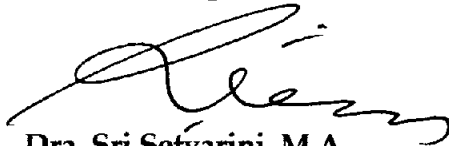
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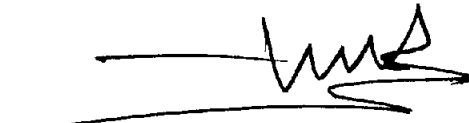
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## ***Be Thankful***

*Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire,*

*If you did, what would there be to look forward to?*

*Be thankful when you don't know something.*

*For it gives you the opportunity to learn.*

*Be thankful for the difficult times.*

*During those times you grow.*

*Be thankful for your limitations*

*Because they give you opportunities for improvement.*

*Be thankful for each new challenge.*

*Because it will build your strength and character.*

*Be thankful for your mistakes.*

*They will teach you valuable lessons.*

*Be thankful when you are tired and weary.*

*Because it means you've made a difference.*

*It is easy to be thankful for the good things.*

*A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.*

*Gratitude can turn a negative into positive.*

*Find a way to be thankful for your troubles and they can become your blessing.*

*\*(Quoted from: Hidup untuk Hidup by Masrukhul Amri)*





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