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Scott's Thoughts



And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the

crowd. 7 And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. 8 And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Mark 8:6–8 (ESV)

We are so blessed to live in Newkirk, Oklahoma. Yes, we occasionally have a Tornado that can be very destructive. Yet, people living in other areas seem to suffer much more often from destructive storms. Every place on earth has some weather-related or other destructive issues. But wait. Before someone starts to list all the things we don't have in Newkirk, and there are many, being critical of my town is kind of like being critical of my family. Only the family gets to do that without opposition so let's think about what we do have.

We live in a peaceful, quiet town with a low crime rate. This one thing in itself makes it a great place to live. I have been in many places where businesses as well as many private homes have bars over the windows. Even upscale neighborhoods have steel bars covering every window. It makes me feel like they can't be themselves even at home.

Even though shopping is a little sparse here

in Newkirk, our local establishments offer a real value for each dollar spent. As we walk in a business, we are greeted by familiar faces and many times by the owners themselves.

Newkirk has some really great places to eat. Of course, we are welcome to drive to a larger city to eat. However, I can think of four places to eat right here in town that are as good or better than anything we can find anywhere. We get to sit near our friends and catch up on their family and tell them about ours, and occasionally someone will pay for our ticket before we get a chance to do so.

Neighbors helping neighbors is part of our lifestyle. Building community is important to the people here. We have several groups in town such as the Lions Club, F.F.A., 4H and others, which are constantly ready to help. These groups are ready, willing, and able to lend a hand at a moment's notice.

The school system is outstanding. Our school system has state of the art facilities and those in charge are constantly working to make them better. Our teachers are caring, kind and really work to help our children succeed. They are examples for the nation of what a teacher and a school should be.

Living in Newkirk is all about being content with what we have. When we are content, we can really begin to appreciate the blessings that God Showers upon us. I'm so happy to live in such a wonderful place.

"But godliness with contentment is great gain." 1 Timothy 6:6 (ESV)

Thanks for listening and keep on shining.

—Scott