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Sometimes as a leader I find myself plagued with doubt. I question if the right decisions are being made or if we are headed in the right direction. This happens particularly in difficult situations, where everyone around me is complaining. During this pandemic lots of people have been complaining, and they have been complaining about everything! However, God sent me a still, small, positive voice - a sophomore studying education at UB. She simply wrote that she wanted to "recognize the extra special efforts your lecturers and support staff go through just to make sure each and every student achieves, strives, and accomplishes what needs to be done."

This small note of praise drowned out all of the complaints and doubts, and helped me to refocus on all of the good things that are happening. I want to encourage everyone to try and put aside complaints and focus on blessings. This pandemic has challenged us, but despite the difficulties we are facing there are truly many blessings for which to be thankful. Families have spent more quality time together; there has been time for rest; some have made home improvements; there is time for more exercise; and some have furthered their education.

For the rest of this week I want you to take stock of your blessings and the small victories in your lives. Write a list of them, and use that list to push your positivity, inspire your creativity and steer you away from complaints. I also want you to give praise to your staff, students and lecturers because everyone can use a little more positivity in these days. Remember, the greatest need of employees is kindness. You can satisfy the need for kindness in others just by being decent to them.

Please continue to send inspiring quotes or scriptures to presidentsoffice@ub.edu.bs. Please stay safe and be encouraged.

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