

# 50 THOUGHTS FOR MY 50TH BIRTHDAY

1. Life without chocolate is simply no fun.
2. Working hard is good. Working smart is better.
3. A deep breath calms an anxious, overwhelmed heart.
4. It turns out that my busy season isn't a season at all...it's life.
5. Choosing to follow Jesus is the best decision I've ever made.
6. Families consist of flawed people committed to navigating life together.
7. With God, you'll be sure to do things you never imagined you could.
8. If you are a serious person like me, learn to laugh and laugh often, for the fruit of laughter is a more satisfying and joyful life.
9. Writing a thankful list turns a frown upside down.
10. A German Shepherd is a valuable family member and a loyal companion.
11. If at all possible, stay married and work it out. You won't regret it.
12. One day you really will be your parents.
13. Living for heaven prioritizes the work you do here on earth.
14. Social media has its place, so keep it there permanently.
15. Every attempt at perfection has failed...perfection has a 100% failure rate.
16. Floss. Floss. It's the way to longer lasting teeth.
17. If you only read one book in your lifetime, make it the Bible. It will transform your life!
18. Investing in counseling is worth more than the money it cost. The return on your investment is freedom, peace, and a restored life.
19. Not every communication is fit for texting. Know when to call. Know when to send a written card.
20. No matter how old your kids get, you will never stop worrying about them.
21. Jesus is real.
22. Remain flexible. Those who are flexible rarely get bent out of shape.
23. If you have tweens/teens, believe the best but always verify.
24. A good friend is worth the effort.
25. In marriage, give each other grace because your spouse isn't perfect and neither are you.
26. Never always proves me wrong.
27. Traveling has opened my eyes to new, amazing, and interesting ways of life.
28. I can't find one good thing about wrinkles.
29. Making plans and setting goals is valuable, but God's plans always prevail, and for that, I'm thankful.
30. You will never regret spending time with the people you love, but you will regret having not done so.
31. Comparison is a nasty trap that can keep you bound up for days, weeks and even years.
32. Every beautiful waterfall, ocean sunset, snowcapped mountain, or rainbow filled sky screams, "I am created by the Almighty God."
33. Succulents are God's gift to those lacking a Green Thumb.
34. Podcasts and audiobooks make chores something to look forward to.
35. Anything worthwhile requires work.
36. Jesus saved me from my past and He gave me a new future.
37. If you stop learning, you stop growing. If you stop growing, you become stagnant.
38. What you watch and what you listen to becomes what you think and do.
39. Well-worn flannel sheets make for a cozy night's sleep.
40. God's canvas is the sky and everyday He paints a new picture for all to see.
41. Encourage your children. They need to hear it directly from you.
42. God put a dream within your heart but it's up to you to go for it.
43. Prayer isn't anything fancy. It's simply having a conversation with God.
44. Having a baby is a miracle and my miracles are named Kayla, Courtney and Hope.
45. If your husband is a Dallas Cowboys fan, become a Dallas Cowboy's fan too!
46. Life on earth demands enormous courage and steadfast faith.
47. Don't follow your heart, it might lead you astray. Follow God, He'll always guide you in the right way.
48. You'll never regret picking your kids over money, jobs or material goods.
49. God doesn't fit inside my box and that is really great news!
50. The Lord truly is my Shepherd. I'll will follow Him all the days of my life. I hope and pray that you will too.

