

In Everything Be Thankful

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Whatever You Do, Give Thanks

- ***Colossians 3:17*** "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."
- ***Colossians 2:6-7*** "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving."
- ***2Corinthians 4:15*** "For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God."
- ***Romans 16:3-4*** "Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles."

Be Thankful & Rejoice

- ***1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*** "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
- ***Philippians 4:4-7*** "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Be Thankful For What You Have

- ***1Timothy 6:6*** "Now godliness with contentment is great gain."
- ***Proverbs 13:25*** "The righteous eats to the satisfying of the soul, but the stomach of the wicked shall be in want."
- ***Luke 16:10*** "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much."
- If we can't be thankful for the half-full cup we won't be thankful for the full one, but if we're thankful for some in the cup we'll be thankful when our cup runs over.

A Brief History of Thanksgiving

- Thanksgiving Day in the United States is an annual day of thanks for the blessings of the past year, observed on the fourth Thursday in November in each of the states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. It is a historical, national, and religious holiday that began with the Pilgrims. After the survival of their first colony through the bitter winter, and the gathering of the harvest, **Gov. William Bradford** of Plymouth Colony issued a thanksgiving proclamation in the autumn of 1621. This first thanksgiving lasted three days, during which the Pilgrims feasted on wild turkey and venison with their Indian guests.

A Brief History of Thanksgiving

- Days of thanksgiving were celebrated sporadically until, on November 26, 1789, President Washington issued a proclamation of a nation-wide day of thanksgiving. He made it clear that the day should be one of prayer and giving thanks to God. It was to be celebrated by all religious denominations, a circumstance that helped to promote a spirit of common heritage.

A Brief History of Thanksgiving

- Credit for establishing this day as a national holiday is usually given to **Sarah J. Hale**, editor and founder of the Ladies' Magazine (from 1828) in Boston. Her editorials in the magazine and letters to President Lincoln urging the formal establishment of a national holiday of thanksgiving resulted in Lincoln's proclamation in 1863, designating the last Thursday in November as the day. Succeeding presidents annually followed his example, except for President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who in 1939 proclaimed Thanksgiving Day a week earlier--on the fourth but not the last Thursday--to encourage holiday shopping. In 1941, Congress adopted a joint resolution setting the date on the fourth Thursday.