

E8. Thanksgiving

Matthew 6:25-34, 1 Timothy 6:17, and 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Memory Verse

“Give thanks no matter what happens.” --1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIRV)

Bible Lesson

Message: *In all things give thanks!*

Matthew 6:25-34

"I tell you, do not worry. Don't worry about your life and what you will eat or drink. And don't worry about what you will wear. Isn't there more to life than eating? Aren't there more important things than clothes?"

"Look at the birds of the air. They don't plant or gather crops. They don't put away crops in storerooms. But your Father who is in heaven feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are?"

"Can you add even one hour to your life by worrying? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the wildflowers grow. They don't work or make clothing. But here is what I tell you. Not even Solomon in all of his glory was dressed like one of those flowers.

"If that is how God dresses the wild grass, won't He dress you even better? After all, the grass is here only today. Tomorrow it is thrown into the fire. Your faith is so small!"

"So don't worry. Don't say, 'What will we eat?' Or, 'What will we drink?' Or, 'What will we wear?' People who are ungodly run after all of those things. Your Father who is in heaven knows that you need them.

"But put God's kingdom first. Do what He wants you to do. Then all of those things will also be given to you. "So don't worry about tomorrow. Tomorrow will worry about itself."

1 Timothy 6:17 (NIRV)

"Command the people who are rich in this world not to be proud. Tell them not to put their hope in riches. Wealth is so uncertain. Command those who are rich to put their hope in God. He richly provides us with everything to enjoy."

1 Thessalonians 5: 18 (NIRV)

"Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank Him because you believe in Christ Jesus."

Talk About It

Talk with your child about the first Thanksgiving Day in the United States. The pilgrims were in a new land, and they had winter coming quickly. When it is cold in the winter, it is hard to even find food to eat. And yet, the pilgrims had a very deep faith in God and decided to bring thanks to Him for all He had provided for them.

Today's memory verse says to "Give thanks no matter what happens." This is exactly what the pilgrims did so long ago. Talk with your child about the concept of "giving thanks." Isn't it easy to say "thank you" to someone when things are good in our lives and when we receive something that we wanted? What about when we receive a gift from someone that we really did not want? Is it as easy to say, "thank you" and really mean it? Remind your child that God is filled with goodness and love. He wants us to keep a thankful heart and He wants us to give thanks to Him in all things, because He is good. Talk about it.