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I Timothy 4:3-5, *“For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:”*

This week the United States celebrates Thanksgiving. It’s a day set aside to remember our blessings and to be thankful. For a Christian, Thanksgiving is not a Thursday in November, but a way of life every day.

I’m sure all of us will sit down to a feast on Thursday. We’ll most likely eat far more than we need, even to the point of being uncomfortable. There is no doubt that we in our nation have been blessed beyond so many people of other places and times.

We have an abundance of food in our nation. I’ve read that the United States could feed the entire world. Just take a look at the stocked shelves when you go into a grocery. We not only have enough to buy, but so many choices. Consider how much food we throw away every day that might just be “leftovers.” These often would be the main course for someone else. Restaurants have an abundance of food remaining at the close of the day that they cannot pass to others due to regulations.

In our rural area we have an abundance of food that crosses the farm daily. I see deer and other wildlife that many hunt and consume. The LORD has provided them for us. He only asks that we give thanks for them. Even on the morning I wrote this, I heard gunshots of hunters. Deer season is in, and they probably obtained enough food to feed their families much of the winter or beyond. The LORD literally sends food to us.

It grieves me to see children and adults alike in impoverished countries literally starving. It’s unfortunate that the world governments often prevent us from getting food to these people. It’s nearly impossible as an individual to help them. It’s easy to feel guilty that we cannot help so many in need. I think this was addressed in Galatians 6:10, *“As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”*

We are to do good to all men. We are especially to do so for those of the household of faith, which would be members of the church. I think the key to this verse is *“as we have therefore opportunity.”* There are many we could help and who really need it, but the opportunity is not there. They are far away and the political situation in the world prevents us. If the opportunity arises, we do need to help. In the meantime, let’s help those who are near us.

We have abundant clean water to drink. I’m old enough to remember not having running water. We had to collect it in a cistern. Now we just simply have it piped into our houses. We can choose hot or cold, and we can be assured it’s clean. For all practical purposes water is unlimited and very affordable.

We have warm houses in the winter which are cooled in the summer. Most of us never have to wonder where we will sleep tonight or how we are going to keep warm.

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News

—Continue to remember **Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry. Mae Walters**, the sister of Shirley Parson, fell and lay on a furnace receiving severe burns. She is now home. **Jerry Edwards** has been quite sick with kidney stones, but is feeling better.

—This week only, our mid-week Bible study will be on Tuesday.

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We have comfortable and reliable automobiles. When I was growing up, it was somewhat rare to have air conditioning in a car. If you did, most of the time it didn't seem to work. Breakdowns on the side of the road were much more common. Now it seems that all we really need to do is regular maintenance. Vehicles are reliable, comfortable and most of us have multiple vehicles.

We all have reliable electrical service which makes our lives so much more comfortable. In earlier years, when the sun went down, you pretty much stopped all activities because of the darkness. Now we can easily visit, read, and entertain ourselves during the early darkness of winter days. It's rare to have a power outage even for a few moments.

Our greatest blessing of all is having the word of God so abundantly about us. There are copies of the Bible everywhere. Any store that carries books for sale usually has an affordable copy of the Bible. If you have a computer or other such device, you can easily access free copies of the Bible online. With cell phones today, it's easy to carry the entire Bible in our pockets. We can easily read anywhere or have the Bible read to us.

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Sunday, November 12, 2017		
Classes	20	I Timothy 2:1-03:7
Preaching	27	James 1:5-7
Contribution	\$723.46	
Evening	18	Obadiah 1-21
Wednesday, November 15, 2017		
Classes	19	Revelation 1:12-20

Visitors—
Nov 12 (AM) Kaylee Shultz (Munfordville)
Nov 15 (Wed) Mark, Jacob and Zack Stevens (New Market, Alabama); Matt & Crystal Choate (Huntsville, Alabama)

Bible Quiz

What did Jesus have in His right hand?

Last Week's Answer— The LORD's Day (Revelation 1:10)

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Our blessings are abundant. There are so many others I could have named such as our education which lets us read, our good roads and bridges, our jobs to provide income and having goods available to purchase. Let's give thanks all the time for all these wonderful blessings the LORD has poured upon us.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)