**Thanksgiving**

We have some interesting holidays on our calendar. We can get a little numb to them and not think much about them. We are born surrounded by holidays and we have grown up with them. Soon it becomes our turn to run the holiday program. It's that time of the year again - a holiday season. It is time for Thanksgiving. We have turkey, pies, candy and then, there's football.

There are many items that get tagged onto our holidays. When the holiday is over, we may not look back to think about what we have just participated in because we need to get ready for the next holiday. If we look back on our Thanksgiving holiday this year, will we remember that we gave thanks? It may help if we consider giving thanks as a kind of discipline.

Thanksgiving is a disciple that is not often thought of as a discipline. But when circumstances do not go our way, the disciple of giving thanks might be the way to turn things around. God's Word has a little help to give our discipline of giving thanks a boost. "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thess. 5:18).

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**1 Thessalonians 5:18**

 ■ OUR CIRCUMSTANCE

 ■ OUR POSITION

 ▪ The prerequisite John 1:11-13

 ▪ The picture Romans 6:1-11

 ▪ The power Ephesians 1:1-14

 ■ OUR JOY

 ▪ Know God’s will

 ▪ Know God’s love John 3:14-16

 ▪ Know God’s Word Isaiah 40:27-31