

## \*\* East Richland Christian Schools \*\*

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### Thanksgiving Devotional (excerpt from Thanksgiving Leftovers by S. Heitzig)

Thanksgiving is an indication of the heart. It shows that our lives are in balance—that our communication with the Lord is not all about our wants and our needs.

There are two levels of gratitude. Let's call them the lower level and the upper level. Unfortunately we kind of dwell in the lower level. That's where we see God's work in our lives as intermittent spurts of goodness. Some big blessing comes along and we say, "Thank you, Lord!" But living on that level of gratitude only shows that we are selfish, and that we miss the total perspective of God's goodness. We thank Him for the pleasurable things, because our view of goodness is comfort, rather than becoming like Jesus.

The upper level, the higher level, is consistently thanking God, in the good and the bad, believing that all things will work out for good to those who love Him (see Romans 8:28). Instead of complaining, it is saying, "You're in control and I thank You, even though I don't understand it."

Corrie ten Boom was sent to a prison camp for hiding Jews from the Nazis. There, her sister said they should thank God for everything in their barracks. Corrie refused to give thanks for the fleas that infested their bedding, but later she found out that those fleas kept the guards from entering the barracks, enabling them to have daily prayer meetings. So she said, "Thank you, Lord, for the fleas!"

So while you're thanking the God "who satisfies your mouth with good things" (Psalms 103:5), remember that He's in control and He knows best. Let's bless the Lord in all things, because God is good all the time!

### Thanksgiving Blessings

Although we are currently still in a virtual learning world, we remain committed to providing a high level of education to our students across the campus. We are grateful for every family in our school as we all navigate these new logistics together. We pray that your family has a blessed Thanksgiving and hope that this break allows each of you to relax and renew your spirit in the Lord. We look forward to seeing everyone face-to-face again soon!



## Happy Thanksgiving



### Important Dates:

Nov. 24 – Grades K-6 Midterms emailed  
Nov. 25-27 – Thanksgiving Break  
Dec. 17-18 – HS Exams  
Dec. 18 – Jr. High/HS End of Term  
Dec. 21-Jan 1 – Christmas Break  
Dec. 22 – Jr. High/HS Report Cards  
Jan. 4 – Classes Resume  
Jan. 8 – K-6<sup>th</sup> End of Term  
Jan. 12 – K-6<sup>th</sup> Report Cards

### ~ Philippians 4:6-7 ~

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to **God**. And the peace of **God**, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### Enjoy Books

Remember that the 2021 Enjoy® Coupon Books are HERE and available for purchase! The coupon books may be purchased for \$40 per book; checks should be made out to East Richland Christian Schools (ERCS). Money is due before books will be released. A portion of each book sold goes toward your family's yearly school fundraising goal. Please call the Elementary Office to make arrangements for Enjoy Book purchase/pick-up.

### Holiday Office Hours

In conjunction with the school's Thanksgiving holiday, our offices will be closed Nov. 25-27. Office staff will return to the school on Monday, November 30 for normal school/office hours.