Table Setting

Part Four - Giving Thanks

No table setting is complete until we have given thanks.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 5:20

...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Giving thanks is what brings us to the table.

Psalm 100:4

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Psalm 16:11

...in Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

Giving thanks sets us at the table of God's provision.

Song of Solomon 2:4

You led me to your banquet room and showered me with love.

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Setting the table with thanks provides us with the right perspective of God.

Psalms 69:30

I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.

Romans 1:21

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

How to Set the Table with Thanksgiving

1. Give thanks through song.

Psalms 28:7

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.

2. Give thanks at church.

Psalms 35:18

I will give you thanks in the great assembly; among throngs of people, I will praise you.

3. Give thanks with offerings.

Psalms 116:17

I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD.

4. Give thanks through prayer.

Philemon 4

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers...