



The Notes

THANKS + GIVING

Part 2: *"Better Get While The Gettin's Good"*

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I GET GOOD AT GENEROSITY WHEN I GET GOOD AT BEING THANKFUL FOR...

1. ...THINGS THAT I HAVE LOST

"The Israelites were puzzled when they saw it. 'What is it?' they asked each other. They had no idea what it was.

And Moses told them, 'It is the food the Lord has given you to eat. These are the Lord's instructions: Each household should gather as much as it needs. Pick up two quarts for each person in your tent.' So the people of Israel did as they were told. Some gathered a lot, some only a little. But when they measured it out, everyone had just enough. Those who gathered a lot had nothing left over, and those who gathered only a little had enough. Each family had just what it needed. Then Moses told them, 'Do not keep any of it until morning.' But some of them didn't listen and kept some of it until morning. But by then it was full of maggots and had a terrible smell.

Moses was very angry with them. After this the people gathered the food morning by morning, each family according to its need. And as the sun became hot, the flakes they had not picked up melted and disappeared.

Exodus 16:15-21 (NLT)

2. ...THINGS THAT HAVE GAINED

“Jesus said, ‘Leave her alone. Why are you giving her such trouble? She did a very good thing for me. You will always have the poor with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. This woman did the only thing she could do for me. She poured perfume on my body before I die to prepare it for burial. The Good News will be told to people all over the world. And I can assure you that everywhere the Good News is told, the story of what this woman did will also be told, and people will remember her.’”

Mark 14:6-9 (ERV)

3. ...THINGS THAT ARE STILL TO COME

“The Lord’s love never ends; his mercies never stop. They are new every morning; Lord, your loyalty is great. I say to myself, “The Lord is mine, so I hope in him.”

Lamentations 3:22-24 (NCV)

“Don’t fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises [petition with thanksgiving] shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God’s wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It’s wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.”

Philippians 4:6-7 (MSG)