

Jesus and Turkeys?

Colossians 3:12-17

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**A. 2 lbs 4**

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**A. 20mph**

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**A. Canada**

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5. What was the heaviest turkey ever recorded?

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**A. 86 lb**

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**A. 1621**

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**A. George Washington declared a national day of Thanksgiving and Prayer in 1789.**

**B. President Lincoln made it an official national holiday in 1863.**

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation. (1789)

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits,

and humbly to implore his protection  
and favor-- and whereas both Houses of  
Congress have by their joint Committee  
requested me to recommend to the  
People of the United States a day of  
**public thanksgiving and prayer**

to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be--

That we may then all unite in rendering  
unto him our sincere and humble  
thanks--for his kind care and protection  
of the People of this Country previous to  
their becoming a Nation—

for the signal and manifold mercies, and  
the favorable interpositions of his  
Providence which we experienced in the  
course and conclusion of the late war--  
for the great degree of tranquility,  
union, and plenty, which we have since  
enjoyed—

for the peaceable and rational manner,  
in which we have been enabled to  
establish constitutions of government  
for our safety and happiness, and  
particularly the national One now lately  
instituted—

for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions--

to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—

to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—

to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord--

To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us--and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New  
York the third day of October in the year  
of our Lord 1789.

Go: Washington



# Colossians 3:12-17

Clothes, Character, Conduct, and Christ

What makes you thankful?

## Colossians 3:12-17 NKJV

12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

## Colossians 3:12-17 NKJV

13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

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14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

## Colossians 3:12-17 NKJV

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

## Colossians 3:12-17 NKJV

17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.



## 3:12 - Clothes and identity

-You are chosen, set apart, and loved.

...dress accordingly

Seek ... and set - (Col. 3:1-2)

Put off ... put on - (Col. 3:8-10)

# 3:13 - Character and Conduct

-Bearing and forgiving

Luke 17:3-6 confront and forgive

See Matt. 18:15–35; Eph. 4:32

**3:14** -Love above all

-brings unity and gratitude

By this all will know that you are My  
disciples, if you have love for one  
another - **John 13:35**

See **1st Cor. 13, Gal. 5:22**

## 3:15 - Ruling Peace

-Like and Umpire and an Army (Phil 4)

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal." - **Isaiah 26:3-4 NIV**

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." - **Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV**

## **3:16** - At home with the Word

-The Word gives us life, sustains, strengthens, and makes us sing, give all thanks in the name of Jesus.

**(Eph. 5:15-21; 1 Peter 1:22–2:3)**

**3:17** - Thanksgiving In the name of the  
Lord Jesus

**(Col 1:3, 12; 2:7; 3:15, 17; 4:2)**

# Trust and perspective produce thanksgiving

“You meant it for evil, but God meant it  
for good” (Gen 50:20)

“all things work together for good for  
those who love God” (Rom 8:28).



Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln,  
President of the United States, do  
hereby appoint and set apart the last  
Thursday in November next as a day  
which I desire to be observed by all my  
fellow-citizens, wherever they may then  
be,

as a day of thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, the beneficent Creator and Ruler of the Universe. And I do further recommend to my fellow-citizens aforesaid that on that occasion they do reverently humble themselves -

in the dust and from thence offer up  
penitent and fervent prayers and  
supplications to the Great Disposer of  
Events for a return of the inestimable  
blessings of peace, union, and harmony  
throughout the land

which it has pleased Him to assign as a dwelling place for ourselves and for our posterity throughout all generations.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.