

## Simple Gifts--October 10

***Colossians 3:17: And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.***

One year I was stressing out about all the things I needed to do before Christmas—buy everyone presents, decorate the house, make dinners, bake cookies, go to all the school events. You know, the usual. I opened my bible to Colossians and there was this scripture: Colossians 3:17. When I sat there peacefully and realized that I could be doing the things in the name of the Lord, and then thanked God that I had a family to buy presents for, to take and decorate for, I realized how blessed I was. I was able to go out shopping prayerfully and calmly. I found four beautiful plants as presents the first place I went, found the white lights I needed, and everything went better. The only change was in my attitude of thankfulness and not worry.

I find that scripture to be true that says, ***“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” Psalm 119:105.*** God really does guide us through His word.

*Prayer: Loving God, help us to be thankful for all that you have given us. Help us to do our service to others in your name. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*

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