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**“Thanksgiving is not all that Complicated”**

One of my favorite writers, Erma Bombeck, died in 1996 of cancer. She, like many people in my own life who have had cancer, understood that life is lived in the present. Our time on earth is not something that we can always control, but we can choose the kind of attitude we have about life and others while we are yet alive. Ms. Bombeck reminds us of her attitude in what she wrote for Redbook magazine in October 1992:

An estimated 1.5 million people are living today after bouts with breast cancer. Every time I forget to feel grateful to be among them, I hear the voice of an eight-year-old named Christina, who had cancer of the nervous system. When asked what she wanted for her birthday, she thought long and hard and finally said, “I don’t know. I have two sticker books and a Cabbage Patch doll. I have everything!” The kid is right.

Perhaps, rather than grumble about what we do not have, perhaps we can remember to thank God for what we do have. Have a good Thanksgiving week.

**Come—Worship; Stay—Learn; Go—Serve**