Getting Ready for the Holidays Week 6 (The week of Thanksgiving)

Our list is as follows:

- 1. We will take a little extra time during our weekly <u>'Home Blessings'</u> to make sure that everything is cleaned, windows are shined, and floors are swept, mopped, and vacuumed.
- 2. I will be checking my <u>Holiday Planner</u> for the timeline of things I need to do to prepare for Turkey Day. ex: defrost turkey, clean oven, clean kitchen, empty fridges, get out centerpieces, etc.
- 3. I will review the menu lists in my Holiday Planner so I can add all of the perishables to my weekly grocery list so I can get them purchased ASAP and not have to make a last-minute grocery run on the day before as things will definitely be CRAZY and many shelves may be EMPTY!
- 4. I'll review my list of 'make-ahead' items and try to knock out a few of them so there will be less to do at Thanksgiving.
- 5. I will pull out some of those Thanksgiving activities that I found earlier and let the kids work on them while I work on other things. The kids will help with preparations when they can but there are some things that I just want to do myself.
- 6. If we have decided to do any Black Friday or Cyber Monday shopping we will review our planned lists and budgets.
- 7. I'm also trying to plan to do the 3 gift rule here this year but I'm not sure how it will go yet. I've got some links about this idea HERE, HERE, and HERE. This will hopefully encourage the focus to be more on Jesus than Santa and the gifts he will bring.

Most of all we will do our best to be thankful for all the family and friends that we have been blessed with and try to create some special memories with them during the holiday season! We pray that you and your family have a blessed Thanksgiving!