

Thriftiness (vs. Extravagance)

For the holidays:

How does thriftiness impact us during such a joyful and happy holiday season?

Thanksgiving through New Year's Day we meet with family and friends and are truly thankful for living in a blessed land! Yet, this is a time we tend to lean on the side of extravagance in many ways. During this season we seem to drift from one gathering to another and indulge in food and shopping to either take advantage of the good prices or to buy Christmas gifts. We eat too much, we spend too much, and our time is way too booked. It is here that we can stop to examine how thriftiness might influence us in a positive manner.

Thriftiness does not



Dancing "Angels" at the City Tree Lighting Ceremony

mean being stingy or being a scrooge, but rather having a balance of wisdom and discernment to be prudent with our resources. Having prudence involves using discretion to determine what is needful versus what is extravagant. It is not being wasteful, excessive, or even over-generous.

Take time to enjoy this holiday season and when the urge to splurge hits, ask yourself the question "is it necessary or needful, will it be beneficial to others?"

Visions of Character "Quote" of the month

Economy, prudence, and a simple life are the sure masters of need, and will often accomplish that which, their opposites, with a fortune at hand, will fail to do.

—Clara Barton

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