

Living On Leftovers

Exodus 16:11-20 The LORD said to Moses,¹² “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’”¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor.¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.”¹⁶ This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Each one is to gather as much as he needs. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.’”¹⁷ The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little.¹⁸ And when they measured it by the omer, he who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little. Each one gathered as much as he needed.¹⁹ Then Moses said to them, “No one is to keep any of it until morning.”²⁰ However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them. (NIV)

2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. (NIV)

Joshua 1:8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. (NIV)

Psalms 96:2 Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. (NIV)

Luke 11:3 Give us each day our daily bread. (NIV)

4 Reasons I Do Not Like Leftovers

1. They do not sound good

Acts 2:2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. (NIV)

2. They do not look good

3. They do not taste good

Psalms 34:8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. (NIV)

4. They cannot prevent mold

Conclusion: Exodus 16:20 However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them. (NIV)

CG Questions

1. What are some ways we can keep a “daily” refreshing from God working in our lives?
2. What are some ways to avoid a critical spirit in our lives?
3. Discuss the meaning of Psalms 34:8, “Taste and see that God is good.”
4. In Exodus 16:11-20, why did the Israelites end up with molded manna?