

# Message Notes

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Thanksgiving 2020  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18  
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◆ How do we live as \_\_\_\_\_ people in difficult \_\_\_\_\_?

*Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

◆ 3 Commands: continuous \_\_\_\_\_; not suggestions; \_\_\_\_\_.

❶ Always be \_\_\_\_\_. (Dt. 12:7; Rom. 5:10-11; Phil. 4:4; Col. 1:11-14)

◆ Does not mean: \_\_\_\_\_ your feelings, put on a happy face and never feel \_\_\_\_\_.

◆ *Joy is the \_\_\_\_\_ assurance that God is in control of all the details of my life, the quiet \_\_\_\_\_ that ultimately everything is going to be alright, and the determined \_\_\_\_\_ to praise God in every situation.* (Quote by Rick Warren)

◆ Joy is not something we work \_\_\_\_; joy is something we live \_\_\_\_.

❷ Never stop \_\_\_\_\_. (Lk. 18:1-8; Rom. 12:12; Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6; Col. 4:2; Heb. 13:15)

◆ Does not mean: perpetual \_\_\_\_\_ of kneeling in prayer.

◆ Way of life that is marked by a continual \_\_\_\_\_ of prayer. \_\_\_\_\_ in God with a spirit of dependence.

❸ Be \_\_\_\_\_ in all circumstances. (Ezra 3:11; Ps. 95:1-3, 100:4-5; Eph. 5:18-20; Phil. 4:6-7; Col. 2:6-7, 3:15-17)

◆ Does not mean: give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ all circumstances.

◆ Giving thanks \_\_\_\_\_ everything is a \_\_\_\_\_ of trusting God and His good character.

◆ We don't need to \_\_\_\_\_ thankful before we give thanks.