

Message Notes

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People of Hope - 3 Commands

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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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; _____.
- ① Always be _____. Dt. 12:7; Mt. 5:10-12; Acts 5:41, 16:25; Rom. 5:10-11; 2 Cor. 6:10; Phil. 1:18, 4:4; Col. 1:11-14
- ◆ Joy does not mean: _____ your feelings.
- ◆ 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 ≠ a _____. Joy is a _____ we make by focusing on Jesus.
- ◆ Joy is not generated from the outside-in; but _____.
- ② Never stop _____. (Lk. 18:1-8; Rom. 12:12; Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6; Col. 4:2)
- ◆ Does not mean: perpetual _____ of kneeling in prayer.
- ◆ Never stop = life _____ God. Keeping company _____ God.
- ③ Be _____ in all circumstances. (Ezra 3:11; Ps. 95:1-3, 100:4-5; Rom. 14:6; 1 Cor. 14:16; 2 Cor. 1:11, 4:15, 9:11; 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.
- ◆ _____ a lifestyle of joy, prayer and thankfulness is God's will for our lives.
- ◆ God's primary _____ for our lives is not the circumstances we inhabit; but the person we _____ in those circumstances.