

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“How to Make a Difference in 2024”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 and Selected

A Difference-Making Christian...

1. _____ even when it seems illogical.

“Rejoice always.” Vs. 16

2. Embraces _____ as a constant necessity.

“...pray without ceasing.” Vs. 17

3. Gives _____ regardless of circumstances.

“...give thanks in all circumstances.” Vs. 18a

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.”

Romans 8:28

4. Embraces the _____ of God as supreme.

“...for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Vs. 18b

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.” Genesis 50:20 NIV

5. _____ the Holy Spirit always.

“Do not quench the Spirit.” Vs. 19

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” Ephesians 4:30

“And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.” Luke 12:10

6. _____ **upon the truth of God’s Word.**

“Do not despise prophecies.” Vs. 20

See 2 Peter 1:16-21

7. _____ **with Scripture.**

“But test everything; hold fast what is good.” Vs. 21

“Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.” Acts 17:11

Make this Question a Priority in 2024:

“What does the _____ say about that?”

8. _____ **to participate in all that is ungodly.**

“Abstain from every form of evil.” Vs. 22