



Rejoice always;¹⁷ pray without ceasing;¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit;²⁰ do not despise prophetic utterances.²¹ But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good;²² abstain from every form of evil. -1 Thessalonians 5:16-22, NASB95

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The Eightfold Plan of Buddhism By Siddhartha Gautama (Buddha)	The Better Eightfold Plan of God By The Apostle Paul
Right View	Be Watchful (vv. 1-5)
Right Intention	Be Helpful (vv. 11, 14)
Right Speech	Be Respectful (vv. 12-13)
Right Action	Be Merciful (v. 15)
Right Vocation	Be Joyful (v. 16)
Right Effort	Be Prayerful (vv. 17)
Right Mindfulness	Be Thankful (v. 18)
Right Concentration	Be Careful (vv. 19-22)
According to Buddhism, if you follow these faithfully you will arrive at Nirvana, which is a state of being one with the universe and where you have no desires, angst, or temptations.	According to Paul, if you follow these eight commands (attitudes and actions), you will have a healthier church, healthier family, and more God-honoring life in this brief journey on Earth.
Source: Tripitaka	Source: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-22

1. Be Joyful at All Times.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22, NLT -¹⁶ Always be joyful.

2. Be Prayerful Over All Things.

1 Thessalonians 5:17, NLT -¹⁷ Never stop praying.

3. Be Careful with These Things.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22, NCV -¹⁹ Do not hold back the work of the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Do not treat prophecy as if it were unimportant. ²¹ But test everything. Keep what is good, ²² and stay away from everything that is evil.

- A. What not to do. (Don't quench the Spirit nor despise the Word)
- B. What to do. (Test everything; keep the good and avoid all evil)

4. Be Thankful in All Things.

1 Thessalonians 5:18, TLB-¹⁸ No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18, NLT -¹⁸ Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.



God has demonstrated His love to us and our family. There is no question in our minds that God is good, and we praise Him in all things... "He's the giver and taker of life,' and He sustains us in all things."

- Pastor Scott Willis, and wife, Janet, who lost 6 of his 9 children in an automobile accident on Nov. 8, 1994.



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