

Reedy Fork Baptist Church

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

BIBLE STUDY

Theme: “A Christian’s Life Line – Praying Without Ceasing”

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-25 (NIV)

¹⁶ Rejoice always,

¹⁷ pray continually,

¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit.

²⁰ Do not treat prophecies with contempt

²¹ but test them all; hold on to what is good,

²² reject every kind of evil.

²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

²⁵ Brothers and sisters, pray for us.

I. Key Words:

- Rejoice
- Prayer
- Quench
- Sanctify
- Prophesy

II. People, Places, & Time:

- Apostle Paul
- Thessalonians Church

III. Background:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-25 is the concluding section of the Apostle Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, where he provides a series of practical commands for daily Christian living and spiritual maturity.

These instructions, which include rejoicing always, praying without ceasing, and giving thanks in all circumstances, are given to help the church navigate challenges and anticipate the Lord's return with readiness and joy.

The passage emphasizes living righteously, avoiding evil, testing prophetic messages, and encouraging others within the community of faith.

IV. In Depth:

- 1. Lesson Emphasis #1: Rejoice Always (v. 16): cultivate a spirit of joy, recognizing God's blessings and the hope of eternity.**
- 2. Lesson Emphasis #2: Pray Continually (v. 17): Maintain a constant communication with God, living in His presence and power.**
- 3. Lesson Emphasis #3. Give Thanks in All Circumstances (v.18): Acknowledge God's sovereignty and goodness, trusting that He works all things for your good, even in difficult times.**

4. **Lesson Emphasis #4. Do Not Quench the Spirit (v. 19): Resist the urge to stifle or suppress the Holy Spirit's promptings and presence in your life.**
5. **Lesson Emphasis #5. Do Not Despise Prophecies, but Test Them (vv. 20-21):** Do not disregard spiritual guidance but evaluate it critically, discerning the good from the bad and holding fast to what is true.
6. **Lesson Emphasis #6. Abstain from Every Kind of Evil (v. 22):** Stay away from anything that appears evil or could lead you into sin, not even entertaining it in your thoughts.
7. **Lesson Emphasis #7. Prayer for Complete Sanctification, (vv.23-24)**
The passage includes a powerful prayer from the Apostle Paul asking God to sanctify the believers wholly, making their entire being—spirit, soul, and body—blameless until Jesus Christ's return
8. **Lesson Emphasis #8. God's Faithfulness (v.24).** The assurance that God, who calls believers, is faithful and will indeed accomplish this sanctification.
9. **Lesson Emphasis #9. Prayer for the Church (v. 25):** Paul closes with a request for prayers for himself and his companions

V. Make It Happen

- What does it mean to live in God's will?
- Why is spiritual discernment important?
- What does it mean to trust in God's power?
- Why is prayer important to the church at Thessalonica and us?

VI. Follow the Spirit:

What will you do as a result of this lesson?