

In the Presence of the King

November 23rd, 2025

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

“16 Rejoice always! 17 Pray constantly. 18 Give thanks in everything...”

Rejoice Always

Rejoice- (verb) Feel or show great joy or delight

Joy (according to the Bible)- a deep, lasting state of gladness and peace that comes from God by way of the Holy Spirit, and trusting in Him, not based on external circumstances.

Always- At all times, on all occasions.

Philippians 4: 4

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”

Psalms 16: 11

“....in Your presence is abundant joy; in Your right hand are eternal pleasures.”

Pray constantly

Prayer- a two way communication with God

Constantly (without ceasing)- continuously over a period of time; always.

Matthew 6:6

“But when you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

Romans 12:12

“Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer”

Psalm 145:18

“The Lord is near all who call out to Him, all who call out to Him with integrity. Give thanks in everything.”

Thanks- an active expression of gratitude and worship that involves acknowledging God’s character, recognizing His provision, and giving Him praise in all circumstances.

Ephesians 5:20

“...giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”

Psalm 100:4

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise His name.”

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1 Thessalonians 5:18

“...for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

TAKE AWAY

Romans 12:2

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Genesis 3:8

“Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day.”

Revelation 21:3

“Then I heard a loud voice from the throne: Look! God’s dwelling[b] is with humanity, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.”