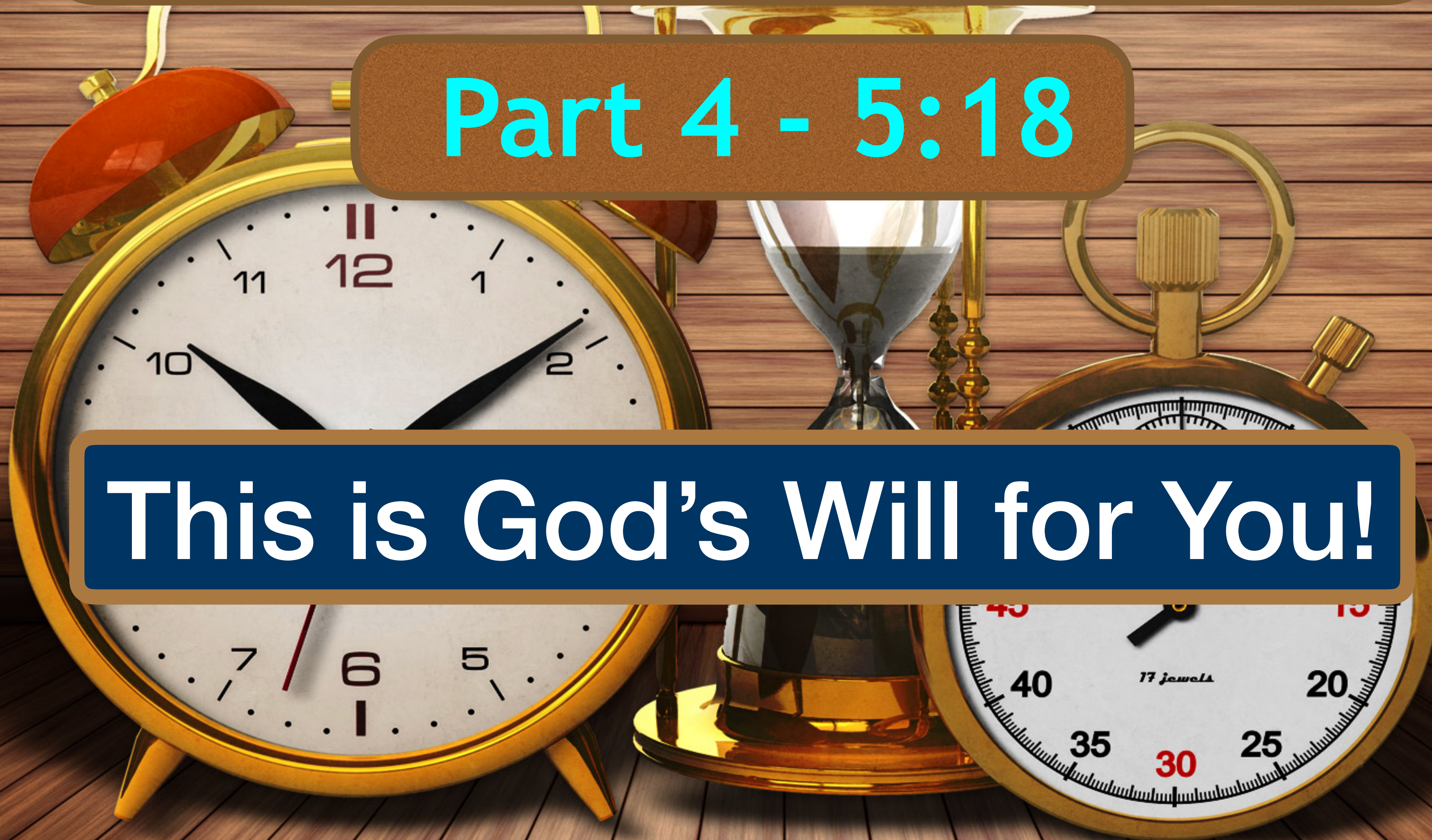


# Wide Awake and Ready! I Thessalonians

Part 4 - 5:18

This is God's Will for You!



**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

# Three Prong Strategy for Victorious Living!



**Always be joyful!**



**Never stop praying!**



**Be thankful in all circumstances!**



**Do all things without complaining and disputing,  
that you may become blameless and harmless,  
children of God without fault in the midst of a  
crooked and perverse generation, among whom  
you shine as lights in the world . . .**

**Philippians 2:14, 15 (NKJ)**

**Complaining and argumentative words prove  
that we are part of a “crooked and perverse  
generation.” All words of complaining are  
actually criticisms of God’s Sovereign plan.**

**For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ . . .**

**II Cor. 10:3-5**

**Stronghold: An area of hopelessness in our heart where we've come to believe that something we know to be God's will can never be true for us.**

**. . . for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

## **The Two Wills of God**

**1 God's will of decree, or Sovereign will**

**2 God's will of command**

**“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 7:21**

**“And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”**

**I John 2:17**

But, what do I have to “give thanks” for?



✓ Hope of Heaven - Phil. 1:21

✓ His rulership - Psalm 103:19

✓ His ultimate victory- Rev. 19:6-10

✓ We've been chosen - Ephesians 1:5

✓ His purposes achieved - Romans 8:29

✓ His great Faithfulness - Lamenatations 3:22, 23

✓ Never leaves us nor forsakes us - Hebrews 13:5

✓ We did not get what we deserved - Psalm 103:10