

IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS!

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

1. Give God thanks for everything PERPETUALLY!

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*Rejoice in the Lord **always**; again I will say, rejoice! **Philippians 4:4 (NASB)***

You cannot be totally oblivious to your circumstances, but you can keep your circumstances from **overriding your joy.**

Prayer should be our **first response, not our **last resort.****

2. Give God thanks for everything PAINFUL!

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God Often Uses **Pain To Take Us To A **Deeper Level With Him.****

*Dear brothers and sisters, **when troubles of any kind** come your way, **consider it an opportunity for great joy.** For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.*

James 1:2-4 (NLT)

*Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." **So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses**, so that the power of Christ can work through me. **That's why I take pleasure** in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong. **2 Corinthians 12:8-10 (NLT)***

3. Give God thanks for everything **PLEASANT!**

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Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits; who pardons all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; who satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

Psalm 103:2-5 (NASB)

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