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THREE CRITICAL DIRECTIVES FOR THE CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

God commands us to rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in everything.

THREE CRITICAL DIRECTIVES FOR THE CHURCH

1. GOD COMMANDS US TO REJOICE ALWAYS

What does this command mean?

“rejoice always” – chairō - “at all times be rejoicing”

How Can We Develop A Habit Of Rejoicing Always?

- Daily focus on the riches that God has freely given you in Christ. - Eph 1:3-14
- Walk in the Spirit, not the flesh. - Gal. 5:22
- Third, sing!

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

2. GOD COMMANDS US TO PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

What does this command mean?

How can we develop a habit of praying without ceasing?

- Know that you can't do life on your own.
- Send up short prayers whenever you can.
- Spend time in God's word and prayer each morning.
- Read some good books on prayer.

3. GOD COMMANDS US TO GIVE THANKS IN EVERYTHING.

What does this command mean?

This command means that in every situation we are to give thanks to our sovereign and good God and Savior.

How can we develop a habit of thankfulness to God in every situation?

- Deepen your understanding of God's sovereignty and goodness.
Genesis 37-50
- Thankfulness will be our habit when trust in God is our habit.