



# 1 Thessalonians: *Living in Light of Christ's Return*

Part 8: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

## Introduction

## Living in step with Holy Spirit

### 1. Always Rejoice

#### ❖ **1 Thessalonians 5:16**

- ❖ 2 Timothy 3:12— *Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted*
- ❖ Psalm 16:11 — *You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*
- ❖ Philippians 3:7-9— *But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him,*

### 2. Always Pray

#### ❖ **1 Thessalonians 5:17**

(1) Pray together

- ❖ Acts 1:14— *All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.*
- ❖ Acts 2:42-43— *And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul,*

#### ❖ **Acts 4:24-31**

(2) Pray about everything

(3) Pray every chance you get

### 3. Always Give Thanks

#### ❖ **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

- ❖ Romans 8:28— *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

### 4. Never quench the Spirit

#### ❖ **1 Thessalonians 5:19**



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- ❖ Galatians 5:22— *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*
- ❖ 1 Corinthians 14:39— *So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.*

## 5. Never despise prophecies

### ❖ **1 Thessalonians 5:20**

- ❖ 1 Thessalonians 2:13— *And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.*

## 6. Test everything

### ❖ **1 Thessalonians 5:21**

- ❖ 2 Timothy 4:3-4— *For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.*

## 7. Cling to what is good

### ❖ **1 Thessalonians 5:21**

## 8. Abstain from every form of evil

### ❖ **1 Thessalonians 5:22**