

Rejoice, Pray and Give Thanks

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See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Standing orders of the Gospel:

- Rejoice always
- Pray without ceasing
- Give thanks in all circumstances
- J. D.

Question:

Is our faith a genuine faith or is it conditional?

Philippians 4:4 NKJV

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

James 1:2 NKJV

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials

Psalms 16:11 NKJV

You will show me the path of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy;
At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. ¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

¹¹ “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

Truth:

We need to let His Joy fill our hearts in all situations.

Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for *this day is* holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Truth:

God help us to see the blessings and not lose sight of them in difficult times.

Quote:

Before prayer changes others it changes us.

- B.G.

“For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts,
Nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the LORD.

⁹ “For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Thought:

Difficult times reveal who we are and where we are at... they remind us that we need God and that we don't have all the answers.

– D.F.

Philippians 1:6 NKJV

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;

Psalms 30:5 NKJV

For His anger *is but for a moment*,
His favor *is for life*;
Weeping may endure for a night,
But joy *comes* in the morning.