

## **“Joy, Prayer and Gratitude”**

### **Holiness**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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#### **1. Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

*16 "Rejoice always. 17 "Pray without ceasing." 18 "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

#### **2. Verse 16.**

*Philippians 4:4. "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, Rejoice!"*

*Luke 10:20. "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."*

*Luke 6:22-23. "Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets."*

*2 Corinthians 6:9-10. "as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things."*

*John 15:9-10. "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. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."*

#### **3. Verse 17.**

*Matthew 6:6. "But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly."*

*Romans 12:12. "rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer."*

#### **4. Verse 18.**

*Psalms 100:4. "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise."*

*Romans 1:20-21. "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened."*

*Luke 17:15-19. "And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, 'Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?' And He said to him, 'Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.'*

*Philippians 4:6-7. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*