

“Give Thanks in All Circumstances” Rising Above Today’s Culture

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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A. It is God’s will that we...

1. Be joyful always.

(v. 16)

2. Pray continually.

(v.17)

3. Give thanks in all circumstances.

(v.18)

B. How are we to live out these three commands?

1. Surrender our will for God’s will.

(Matthew 5:9-10; Galatians 1:10)

2. Embrace all that we have “in Christ Jesus.”

(v.18)

- **We will be with the Lord forever.**
(1 Thessalonians 4:17-18)
- **We are forgiven.**
(Ephesians 1:4,7)
- **We are adopted into God’s family.**
(Ephesians 1:5)
- **His grace is sufficient.**
(2 Corinthians 12:9)
- **We have everything we need for life and godliness.**
(2 Peter 1:2-3)