

I Thessalonians 5:16-19– “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit.”

PRAYING GOD’S FOR EVERY BELIEVER

Here is God’s will for every Christian: Rejoice, pray without ceasing, and give thanks. Sometimes you don’t have to pray to know God’s will. His Word is always His will. When it is in the Word, don’t pray for it. Do it. “Rejoice...pray...give thanks” are a holy trio of responses to difficulties. “Always...without ceasing...in everything” aren’t exaggerations. They are expressions of ebullient faith. When you grumble, you quench the Spirit. Godless reactions hinder the work of God. Rejoicing, praying, and thanksgiving are proofs of the Spirit’s work in you. When you are trying to pray your way through difficult circumstances, be sensitive to what the Spirit is teaching you. Jesus sent the Spirit to help you. Yield to Him. Prayer creates an atmosphere for yielding. Yielding is a conscious surrender to the only One who can help you. When you can’t change your circumstances, accept them as the way God has chosen for you. If the Spirit leads you to it, He will lead you through it. Begin by giving thanks. Rejoicing will come later.