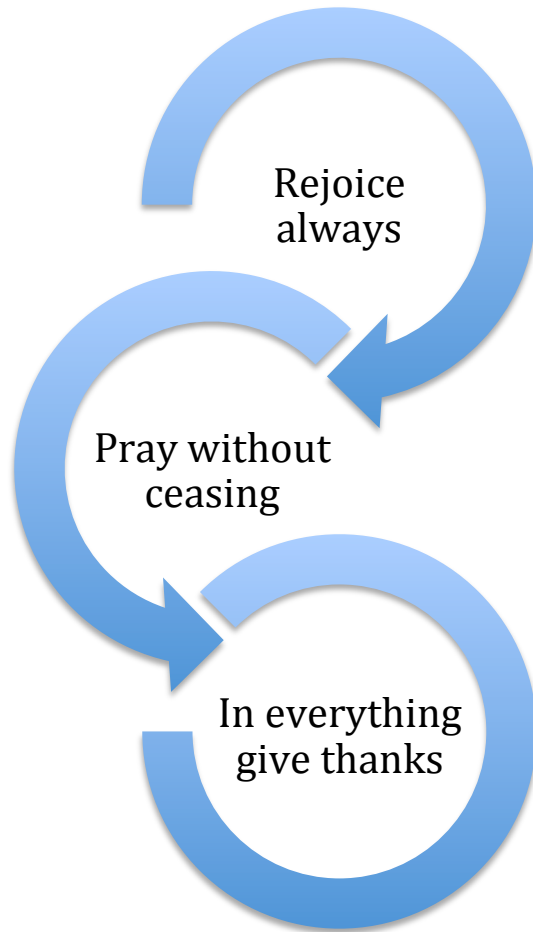


The Spirituality of Gratitude*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

November 24, 2019

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



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Life Group Homework

1) Which part of 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 do you find hardest?

2) READ Luke 10:17-21.

What filled the 72 with joy after their successful mission?

What did Jesus say should fill his followers with joy?

Where did Jesus get his great joy? What did Jesus do?

3) READ 2 Timothy 1:3; Romans 1:9-10; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3
Is it really possible to "pray without ceasing?" How?

4) READ 1 Corinthians 1:4; Philippians 1:3-4; 2 Thes. 1:3 & 2:13
What is the focus of Paul's continual thanksgiving for others?

5) NT Greek words for *joy*, *grace*, and *thanks* have the same root
joy = **chara** grace = **charis** thanks = **eucharisteo**

Write one sentence that combines all three using "*in Christ Jesus*"
