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## Give Thanks 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NKJV)

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

### What Are We to Do?

Give thanks! (v18)

To give thanks is to express gratitude for benefits or blessings. We have benefits in God. We have the honor to give thanks to the Lord.

Thanksgiving is the way we approach God (Psalm 100:4)

Why? Because He has been good.

Thanksgiving is something we should abound in (Colossians 2:7; 3:17)

Incorporate this thanksgiving into everything.

### When Are We to Give Thanks?

In Everything (v18)

Thank Him in everything even though we may not understand it. (Ephesians 5:18-20)

**“You better start making things your style.” – Pastor Billy Johnson**

## Why Are We to Give Thanks?

For this is the Will of God (v18)

**“You need to have some rehearsal tape in your mind.” – Pastor Billy Johnson**

Being ungrateful is the very essence of an unregenerate heart. (Romans 1:21)

What God does for us

**T** – Controls our **THOUGHTS**

**H** – Covers our **HEARTS**

**A** – Cultivates a good **ATTITUDE**

**N** – Shows us our real **NEED**

**K** – Causes us to **KNEEL**

**S** – Helps us to conquer **SELFISHNESS**