

## “Give Thanks”

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

*“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (NIV)*

- Thanksgiving is more than being “thankful.”
  - It is not a **recommendation**, but it is a **command!**
  - It is not about feeling “thankful” but it is about actively **giving** God thanks; praising God and expressing your gratitude.
  - It is God’s **will** for us; God **desires** for us to give Him thanks.
- Reason to give God thanks
  - The Bible does not tell you to **find** reasons to be thankful, but the Bible tells you to give thanks in **all** circumstances for the very specific reason that's already found; **Jesus Christ**
  - When it is difficult to give thanks, the right question to ask is “**Is Jesus worthy** of my praise and thanks even in the midst of this tough situation?”