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## *An Attitude of Gratitude*

*I Thessalonians 5:18*



*We live in a society that lacks true happiness and endless joy. Many fail to realize that happiness and true joy can only be found when we are thankful. Many of us have allowed circumstances to keep us from being thankful. But God's Word challenges us to be more thankful. We are to give thanks in everything. We are to thank God no matter what happens in our lives. The Bible says in I Thessalonians 5:18, "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Notice the scripture does not say give thanks for everything, but "in everything." In every storm, in every trial, in every condition, in every problem, give thanks. Gratitude is an attitude that you choose to have. It's the way you look at things. The psalmist said, "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." No matter who you are or what you've been going through, choose to be thankful. Read I Thessalonians 5:18 again: "For this is God's will for you." In conclusion, God has been good to each of us. He has done so much for us. He has given us so much. An attitude of gratitude enables us to see and acknowledge the fact that we are blessed. An attitude of gratitude will drive us to action. Read St. Luke 17:11-19.*

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