

Thriving with the Thessalonians, pt 11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Short and to the point

Rejoice always (16)

Joy is a choice, not a feeling

Joy is always an option

How do I choose joy? (see Ps 16:11)

Pray without ceasing (17)

We understand being devoted to prayer

How do we pray without ceasing

Without ceasing = with unflagging resolve

Problem: pop-up blockers

Missile prayers

Cultivated awareness

Connection between devoted and unceasing prayer

Give thanks in everything (18)

Everything versus all circumstances

Thanks “in” is not exactly the same as thanks “for”

POINT: because I live under God, I can choose to live a life of gratitude in every respect.

God’s will (18)

A Take it home challenge