

February 5, 2023

The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

1 Thess. 5:16-18 *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (NIV)*

Have you ever wondered what God's will is for your life? Well, I can tell you that it is plainly revealed in these three concise verses. First, we are told to rejoice always. We should rejoice when things go our way and even when they don't. Why? Because our joy is not based on circumstances, but upon the person of the Savior and what He accomplished for us. **Ps. 118:24** *This is the day that the LORD has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it. (NIV)* Most people don't realize how important time is until they are about out of it. Since the LORD has made this day, He also has a purpose for it. What if every Christian, every day, asked the LORD to use them completely and were joyful as they did it?

His will is that we also pray continually. Not that we are like some who have sequestered themselves in some far away cave or monastery, but it means to be in continual communication with God. It is calling upon Him and never hanging up on Him. Keep the line open so that He can speak, and we can respond because we are aware of Him and His Spirit.

Thirdly, Paul says to give thanks in all circumstances. In the good times and the rough times, we can still thank Him. We can thank Him for the victories and thank Him for the lessons He is teaching us in the struggles and valleys of life. Is He always good? Praise Him. Is He always there? Praise Him. Will He meet all of your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus? Praise Him. This is God's will; that we praise Him no matter what. This is one of the greatest testimonies that anyone can give for Him.

Dear LORD, help us to walk daily in praise, in prayer and in thankfulness. In this manner, we are fulfilling Your will for us. In Jesus Name, Amen