

SERMON NOTES

Date: November 29, 2020

Title: Constantly Christian

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Big Idea: God's will for every Christian is to be constantly joyful, prayerful, and thankful.

APPLICATION GUIDE

DISCUSS

What is God's will for your life according to 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18?

How do the words *always*, *continually*, and *in all circumstances* shape the way Christians live out God's will?

Why would the lack of these spiritual disciplines be considered characteristic of an unbelieving heart (Romans 1:21)?

Think of examples in the Bible where God's people lived out his will in these ways (e.g., Acts 4:31; 5:41; 16:25).

APPLY THE TRUTH

Is your joy ever stolen? What kinds of *joy thieves* do you allow into your life?

How can you remain joyful when life seems to take a wrong turn?

What steps can you take to cultivate more faithful habits of prayer?

Pick a challenge, trial, or difficulty in your life right now, and write out reasons you have to remain thankful in this circumstance.

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Which of the direct commands in this passage do you need the most this week? Commit your heart to be thoughtful about the way you practice God's will in every circumstance.