

# I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO GOOD BEHAVIOR...ALWAYS

“Always and Without Ceasing”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

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**7 Strong Exhortation to govern our behavior toward God.** (vs.16-22)

## 1. REJOICE ALWAYS...”at all times be rejoicing”

### THE BEGINNING OF JOY:

- (1) Joy- “charis” (grace) Defined: Joy is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (2) Associated with a young lamb or goat, jumping or kicking being released from the womb/birth; \_\_\_\_\_. (Matt 5:11,12)
- (3) You may be reviled, “rejoice” or (Matt 18:10-13) 100 sheep, one lost and found, “rejoice” \_\_\_\_\_.

THE JOURNEY OF JOY: “REJOICE ALWAYS”.... All Along the way. (vs.16)  
“Rejoice evermore” ‘Always, forever term, a eternity of God term, joy is eternal in nature.

Gal 5:22 “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy...”

John 3:29 “This joy of mine is now complete”

Zech 9:9 “Rejoice greatly, your King is coming”

Joy comes from God; it is a state of being.

Joy is produced based on what Christ has done. (Psalm 51) Be joy filled with forever in view. [Psalm 51:12 “Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation”]

**A Joy-filled believer is also a PRAYER Filled Believer:**

## 2. PRAY ALWAYS...”without ceasing” – ‘Without intermission’ (Grk)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ : Matt 6:6 “when you pray, enter into your closet”
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ : Matt 6:9 “After this manner pray...”
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer: Col 4:2 “be vigilant in it”

(Luke 18:1-8) Prayer, realizing \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ upon it.