

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO GOOD BEHAVIOR...ALWAYS
“In Everything Give Thanks” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22
Sunday, November 29, 2020

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

1. **REJOICES ALWAYS**...”at all times be rejoicing”
2. **PRAY ALWAYS**...”without ceasing” - All Along the way.
3. **GIVE THANKS IN ALL THINGS:** [“IN” not for “for all”]

A. This is the WILL OF GOD: (3 Commands are the will of God)

1. Rejoice always
2. Pray without ceasing
3. Give Thanks in every circumstance.

4. **DO NOT SUPPRESS** [Quench or Extinguish the Spirit] **THE SPIRIT:**

Acts 5:3,4 – do not refuse the Spirit.

Act 7:51 – do not resist the Spirit.

Eph 4:30 – do not grieve the Spirit.

5. **DO NOT DESPISE PROPHECIES:** [do not look down on the Word.]

a. Both “**Spiritual utterances**” (some would refer to ‘a word from the Lord’); the **proclamation of the Word** (Preaching/teaching).

Luke 3:5,6; Acts 2:17-32 (Reiteration of Joel’s prophecy)

***2 Tim 4:2** Preach the Word, in season, out of season.

6. **PROVE ALL THINGS, HOLD FAST TO WHAT PROVES TO BE GOOD.**

7. **ABSTAIN FROM ALL APPEARANCE OF EVIL:** (vs.22)

- a. “**Prove all things**” – test (I John 4:1); examine its authenticity; evaluate;
- b. “**Hold Fast To What Proves To Be Good**” – embrace wholeheartedly; to take possession; claim it as your own; Eph 5:10;
- c. **Abstain From All Appearance of evil** – to hold yourself away from ALL APPEARANCES OF EVIL; the complete avoidance of any evil teaching or practice. “ALL” is a big word.

I Cor 6:18 “Flee sexual immorality”

I Cor 10:14 “flee idolatry”

2 Tim 2:22 “flee youthful passions”