

THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Oakridge Community Church

Questions for Consideration and Discussion

Introduction:

1. 1 Thessalonians 4:1
2. Two-fold principle
 - a. Trust in Christ involves complete surrender to Him as Lord
 - 1) Romans 10:9; 2 Corinthians 5:15
 - 2) Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 6:46; John 14:15; 15:14
 - b. The indwelling Spirit enables surrender and obedience
 - 1) Ezekiel 36:27
 - 2) Romans 8:13; Galatians 5:22-23
3. Two realities when reading and hearing God's instructions to us
 - a. This is God's will for me
 - b. What my Lord wants me to do, He enables me to do
 - 1) Romans 8:2
 - 2) Ephesians 5:18

I. **PERPETUAL REJOICING**

- A. Wrong idea of what this means – John 11:35; Romans 12:15
- B. What Scripture teaches about rejoicing
 1. It is possible to rejoice and sorrow at the same time
 - a. 2 Corinthians 6:10
 - b. Luke 6:22-23; Acts 5:41
 2. Bases for rejoicing: Luke 10:20; Romans 12:12
 - a. Hebrews 13:5
 - b. Philippians 4:4

II. **UNCEASING PRAYER**

- A. A matter of trust
- B. Luke 22:42; Acts 4:29; 1 John 1:9; Matthew 6:11; Rev. 22:20

III. **COMPREHENSIVE THANKFULNESS**

- A. A matter of trust – Ephesians 1:11; Isaiah 55:9; Romans 8:28
- B. A matter of worship – Romans 1:21

Conclusion: Romans 12:2

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1. Is it possible to walk in a manner pleasing to God without surrendering to Him and His will? Explain your answer. Can disobedience to the Lord ever be done out of love for Him? Explain your answer.
2. How is the presence and power of the Holy Spirit evident in your life?
3. How do the truths and promises of the gospel enable you to rejoice in every circumstance? What can we do to train ourselves to remember to rejoice in all circumstances?
4. Why do you pray? What does your prayer life reveal about your sense of dependence on and your trust in the Lord? Do you see the need for change in your prayer life? What changes are needed?
5. What is the relationship between thankfulness and trust in the Lord? What is the relationship between thankfulness and worship of the Lord? How does awareness of these relationships affect your attitude toward God in the circumstances of daily life?