

IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (ESV)

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Paul list three exhortations dealing with attitudes that believers are to have as concerning their personal lives before God.

1. Live in Joy

A Christian's joy does not spring from his circumstances, but from the blessings that are his because he is in Christ.

2. Live in the awareness of God's presence

To pray without ceasing is not the idea that your lips are always moving with thoughts and concerns to be brought to God.

To pray without ceasing suggests a mental attitude of prayerfulness, continual personal fellowship with God, and consciousness of being in his presence throughout each day.

3. Live in thankfulness no matter what happens

Christians are to **give thanks** to God in every circumstance of life.

These three good habits have been called the standing orders of the church. They represent the will of God in Christ Jesus for us.