

# giving thanks in *everything*



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- It's God's will that we be thankful at \_\_\_\_\_ times. No matter what situation you may find yourself in, you look up and thank God.
- How can we truly learn to give thanks in everything?

**First, we must make a \_\_\_\_\_ to rejoice. Vs. 16**

- "Evermore" means to rejoice all the time.
- Can we rejoice in Christ in every situation? Is this really possible?

*"As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things."* **2 Corinthians 6:10**

*"In this you greatly rejoice, even though now, if for a little while, you have had to suffer various trials, in order that the genuineness of your faith, which is more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tried by fire, may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom, having not seen, you love; and in whom, though you do not see Him now, you believe and you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."* **1 Peter 1:6-8 MEV**

- In their spirit, they were rejoicing in Christ, but outwardly their flesh was in heaviness through great trials.

*“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us.”* **Romans 8:18 MEV**

- Making a choice to rejoice in Christ is key to being a thankful person.

## **Second, in everything, \_\_\_\_\_ . Vs. 17**

- In every situation, good or bad, \_\_\_\_\_ to God about it.
- Prayer does two major things:
  - It gets God \_\_\_\_\_ in our situation.
  - It realigns our \_\_\_\_\_ and perspective.

*“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with gratitude, make your requests known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will protect your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”* **Philippians 4:6-7 MEV**

- The peace of God does not mean the absence of \_\_\_\_\_, but it does mean a quiet confidence within, regardless of the circumstances.

You can make a choice to rejoice and pray. And when you do, you will find yourself being such a \_\_\_\_\_ person.