

1 Thess 5:18
"God's Will = Gratitude"

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1. Introduce

- How can you know God's will?
- Can be found in Bible "will of God"
 - 1 Thess 4:3 abstain from sexual immorality
 - 1 Thess 5:18 giving thanks
 - 1 Pet 2:15 well doing to silence ignorance

2. Command for Thanksgiving

- ungrateful people can fall out of God's will
- Keep grateful attitude -
- Present tense - to be continual
 - in everything
- Heb 13:15
 - sacrifice of praise
 - fruit of the lips
- Heb 13:16 God well pleased
 - to do good & share
- Unconditional
 - no conditions to giving thanks
 - praise returned to God
 - God gives sunshine & rain to the just & unjust (Mt 5:45)
 - James 1:17 every good & perfect gift from Father of Lights

3. Consolation of Thanksgiving

- Living in God's will
 - clear blessing to Christian
- Living/walking in likeness of Christ
 - Jesus gave thanks while establishing Lord's Communion (Mt 26:27, Mk 14:23, Lk 22:19-20)
- ~~1 Cor 9:15~~ 2 Cor 9:15 thanks to God for His unspeakable gift

4. Consummation of Thanksgiving

- in the name of Jesus (Col. 3:17)
- God wants this for the Christian
- Celebrating Lord's Supper
 - 1 Cor 11:23-26 thanks for Jesus sacrifice

- 4d. Giving thanks to God
- proclaim (tell) the word's death
 - until Jesus comes again
- e. In remembrance of Jesus
- looking back to the cross
 - looking forward to Jesus coming back
5. Giving thanks for all things
- a. Eph 5:20 in the name of Jesus
- psalms songs of praise & thanksgiving to God
- b. 2 Cor 9:11 enriched in prosperity (bounty) causes thanksgiving to God
- c. Col ~~2~~ 4:2 watch to put thanksgiving in your prayers
- d. 1 Tim 4:3 Marriage & food gifts God created to be received with thanksgiving