

Fundamentals of the Christian Life: Prayer
1 Thessalonians 5:17-18
October 9, 2022

1. “Pray without ceasing” (17)

2. “Give thanks in all circumstances” (18a)

3. “For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (18b)

Next week: Matthew 28:18-20

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Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. What is prayer?
3. What is needed in order for a person to have access to God in prayer?
4. What are the different aspects or kinds of prayer mentioned in the Bible?
5. What does it mean to pray without ceasing?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. The instructions in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 concern how the believer is to relate to God. They concern the believer's inner life. How much attention have you been giving lately to your inner life, to your fellowship with God? Why is it critical to place a high priority on this?
3. Think about the different aspects of prayer mentioned in the sermon. Which one(s) do you find most difficult? Why do you think this is? How can you go about seeking to be more consistent and faithful in this aspect(s) of prayer?
4. How are we to go about giving thanks to God when we are in very trying circumstances?
5. Are you more consistent in giving thanks to God when your circumstances are very pleasant, or when they are very difficult?
6. What change of heart/mind do you need in order to grow in living out the instructions in verses 17 & 18?
7. What is the significance of the last clause, "for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"?
8. Have you been too busy to pray? If so, what do you need to do about this? Will you do so?
9. What is the primary way you should be affected by this passage in the next 24 hours?