

WALKING IN HOLINESS TO PLEASE GOD
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

- I. HIS PERSONAL AND HISTORICAL HISTORY WITH THE CHURCH (1:2-3:13)**
II. HIS PRACTICAL AND INSTRUCTIVE EXHORTATIONS TO THE CHURCH (4:1-5:24)

F. Exhortations concerning CHURCH HARMONY and GROWTH. (5:12-15)

G. Exhortations concerning HOLINESS & SPECIFIC CONDUCT if we want to PLEASE God in our walk with Him (5:16-22)

1. The specific EXHORTATIONS. (5:16-22)

a. “_____ *always*” (5:16)

* What can the believer potentially *rejoice* in?

1)

2)

* What is needed for the Christian to “*rejoice always*”?

- How do I get that?

• Lift your eyes off your _____, and put them on the only One that is eternal and constant—_____ & the _____ He offers!

b. “_____ *without ceasing*” (5:17)

a. Prayer is _____ with God that reflects an attitude of _____ on Him, and is an expression of an ongoing intimate _____ with Him.

*How are we to pray? (Ephesians 6:18)

Philippians 4:4-7

* Why don't we pray as we should?

* How has this exhortation affected your life?

c. "In everything _____" (5:18)

* Thankfulness is a concrete expression or attitude of _____ for God's _____, His _____, and His _____ over the events and circumstances of life.

* How can we give thanks to God in everything?

* Are we giving thanks in everything?

* The issue in being thankful is seeing God's _____ and _____.

* Thankfulness is an accurate *reflection* of one's _____. (Eph 5:18-21)

*What does all this mean to you?

- Close in Communion