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The Life God Blesses: Gratitude



Living with an attitude of gratitude will open your life to _____. It will position you for God to work in a greater way in your life.

“The greatest thing is to give thanks for everything. He who has learned this knows what it means to live. He has penetrated the whole mystery of life: giving thanks for everything.”
(Albert Schweitzer)

1 *Thessalonians 5:16–18*

Living Grateful

1. Be joyful always – choose your _____.
(1 *Thessalonians 5:16*)
- You may not be able to change your situation, but you can always choose your attitude in the situation.
 - “Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Ephesians 5:20)

2. Pray continually – stay _____ to Jesus.
(1 *Thessalonians 5:17*)

- Jesus is life and He brings life, so if we want more life we must stay connected to Jesus. (John 15:5-6)

- “Prayer is the exercise of drawing on the grace of God.”
(Oswald Chambers)

3. Give thanks in all circumstances— look for the _____.
(1 *Thessalonians 5:18*)

- Not every circumstance is good, but there is goodness all around us. So, look for the good and celebrate it.

“Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.” (William Arthur Ward)

Answers: more, life; attitude; connected; good



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