



Group Discussion and Application

1. We are to "rejoice always." Define the word "rejoice."
2. What are some hindrances to joy and thanksgiving?
3. What are some of the promises of God that help you rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances? What passages of Scripture encourage you in this?
4. An awareness of God's sovereignty and an eternal perspective are essential to being able to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. What can we do to maintain a constant mindfulness of these?
5. What does "praying without ceasing" look like in functional terms?
6. How can we develop an attitude that leads us to pray without ceasing?
7. Several criteria by which to evaluate a messenger and his message were mentioned in the sermon. Review these. What are some additional tests?
8. What advice/counsel would you give to a young believer to encourage him/her to be teachable but discerning in receiving spiritual instruction?
9. How is dependence on God developed/deepened?
10. Define "sanctification."



Personal Reflection and Response

1. Which of the responsibilities toward God that were described in this study is most difficult for you?
2. What practical action will you take to develop this area of your life?
3. Select and memorize a verse that relates to this Christian responsibility.



Family Homework

Practice thanksgiving around your family dinner table throughout the week.

1. Review each day's activities.
2. List those things for which you are thankful.
3. Discuss some of the difficulties of the day and consider how you might find reason for thanks in the midst of such difficulties.



Do Unto God

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Five personal responsibilities we have in relation to God:

1 Be _____ . [16]

2 Be _____ . [17]

3 Be _____ . [18]

4 Be _____ . [19-22]

5 Be _____ . [23-24]