

**How To Have Thanksgiving Every Day**  
**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

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1. I believe we are a people and nation that has truly been blessed by God.
2. This week our nation will stop for a day and once again give thanks.

**I. We Are To Give Thanks.**

- A. What does the word “thanks” mean?
- B. Gratitude is based on an understanding that God is the Giver of all good things.
  1. **James 1:17, “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”**
  2. **Ephesians 1:3, “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.”**
- C. Just as we are to “rejoice always” and “pray without ceasing,” we are to "give thanks" always.

**II. We Are To Give Thanks In All Circumstances.**

- A. Note these two words, “**all circumstances.**”
- B. So thanksgiving should be continual.

**III. We Are To Give Thanks Because This Is God's Will.**

- A. Christians are to have the most positive disposition of all people.
- B. The secret to happiness in life is being grateful.
- C. No matter what circumstances may be, we are to give thanks.