

## Deacon's Beacons

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Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

Realizing that chapter and verse notations were added after the fact to the writings in Scripture, one must wonder why this short passage consists of three verses. The first is “Rejoice always.” The second says “Pray without ceasing” and the final verse completes the passage. I suppose that each of those elements are worthy of standing alone and together they present the attitude and conduct that a Christian should follow. The bottom line is that we must be in prayer at all times but that prayer should be a praise of God and not the constant “gimme” that prayer can often become. Be satisfied with the blessings that God has given you and spend time in thanksgiving. God wants only the good for you. Be happy with what He decides that you need.

Resurrexit sicut dixit!

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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