



Title | The Holiday that Isn't
Text | 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
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Sermon Notes

1 Thessalonians 5:16 Rejoice always, **17** pray without ceasing, **18** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. *ESV*

Psalm 9:

- 1 I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
- 2 I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. *ESV*

Psalm 92:

- 1 It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
- 2 to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night, *ESV*

Psalm 136:

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever. *ESV*

Ephesians 5:20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, *ESV*

Big Idea:

Psalm 30:11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, **12** that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever! *ESV*

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Today, give thanks specifically for who God is and what He has done for you. Think about His attributes, your salvation, and specific things He has done for you in your life.

Tuesday:

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Today, give thanks specifically for your family. If you have a messy family, can you think of any positive impact of that family? If you do not have a messy family, give thanks for each person individually. What impact have they had on your life?

Wednesday:

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Today, give thanks for God's provision for your life. This can include your job, others who care for you, and His provisions for you if you care for others.

Thursday:

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Today is Thanksgiving Day. Reflect on the history of Thanksgiving and express thanks for God's work in the past in our country, including the proclamations that acknowledged God's work and presence. Express thanks for his work throughout world history.

Friday:

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Salvation is ours if we believe in Jesus, who died for us and was raised from the dead. If you have believed in Jesus for your salvation, give thanks for your salvation and the truth that we do not do anything to earn, keep, or prove it. It is truly a free gift! If you have not yet believed in Him, consider what He has done and the offer He gives—whosoever believes in Him has eternal life!

Daily Prayer:

Lord, today I give thanks for . . .
Amen.

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