

# ALWAYS

Rejoice | Pray | Give thanks

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

# **3 Impossible Commands**

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**Intro:** We must be in union with Christ in order to be able to obey these commands.

### **I. We are commanded to Rejoice Always:**

This command to Rejoice Always is not primarily a matter of feeling, but of obedience.

We must:

- A.** Focus daily on the riches God has freely given us in Christ,
- B.** Walk in the Spirit, not the flesh.
- C.** Sing.

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### **II. Pray Without Ceasing**

- A.** Know that you can't do life on your own,
- B.** Be consistent and frequent in prayer,
- C.** Be daily in the Word; Pray the Word back to God.
- D.** Read books on prayer.

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### **III. Rejoice in All Things:**

We don't need to feel thankful before we give thanks.

- A.** Deepen our understanding of God's sovereignty;
- B.** Thankfulness will be our habit when trust in God is our habit.
- C.** Develop a habit of trusting God in our trials