

THANKSGIVING

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

[1 Thessalonians 5:16-18](#)

Rejoice Evermore – means rejoice continually. Not dependent on your health, your finances, your marriage, your boyfriend, your girlfriend, or any other thing.

Pray continually – this keeps you in communion with God.

Thanksgiving is the key to having joy in your life. Get in the habit of recognizing God's hand in your life and thanking Him for it.

Mother taught me to be thankful. (Thank you notes and counting blessings) to sing "Count your many blessings"

1. When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.
 - o Refrain:
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God has done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
*Count your many blessings, see what God has done.
[*And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.]
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2. Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will keep singing as the days go by.
3. When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings—*money cannot buy [*wealth can never buy]
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.
4. So, amid the conflict whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

JOY IS ALWAYS CONNECTED TO THANKSGIVING. IF YOU WANT TO BE JOYFUL – BE THANKFUL

