

I WON'T COMPLAIN

(I Thessalonians 5:16-18; Romans 1:21)

No matter what happens, or how negative things may seem to be, we must never stop giving thanks to the Lord, which is the will of God.

We should be thankful in every condition of life, in adversity as well as prosperity. We should never see our situation so bad that we cannot give God thanks, because things could always be worse.

We never can have reason to complain of God, but rather we always have much reason to praise and give thanks to God. This is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning us. He allows us to rejoice evermore and instructs us that in everything to give thanks.

I Thessalonians 5:16-18, deals with one's time, (rejoice evermore) and (Pray without ceasing). They elude to always and continually. However in vs. 18, it deals with one's circumstances. Believers are to give thanks to God in every circumstance of life. The basis for this entreaty is found in Romans (8:28) which reminds us that God works everything together for the good of those who love him.

This exhortation that Paul gives in verse 18 is not just good advice, but it is the will of God for every believer. It is not the totality of God's will, but it is a clear and important segment of it. It is God's will through Christ Jesus that we be joyful, prayerful and thankful.

In Romans 1:21 Paul lists among other things, two main reasons that caused God to give men up to reprobate minds. They are, #1, knowing God and not acknowledging him as God and #2, not being thankful or grateful.

The people referenced in the above chapter were insensitive to God's love, mercies, protection, provisions, directions and all of God's goodness. They were not thankful or grateful. They became vain in their imagination and their hearts became darkened.

In Psalm 34:1, David said, ***"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth."***

In Psalm 106:1, David declares, ***"Praise ye the Lord, O give thanks unto the Lord, for his mercy endureth for ever."***

In Psalm 100:4, David states, ***"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: Be thankful unto him and bless his name."***

It is God's will that we be grateful and thankful to him in every situation. No matter what is going on, God is still in control.

When we think about the children of Israel, no matter what God would do for them, they would always end up complaining. He fed them with food from heaven and even produced water in the wilderness but yet they murmured.

One songwriter pinned a song that says, "I've had good days, I've had some hills to climb, I've had some weary days and some sleepless nights, but when I look around and think things over, all of my good days, outweigh my bad days and I won't complain. Let us have that same mindset because God is good all the time and all the time God is Good!!!"