

DON'T SAVE IT ALL FOR CHRISTMAS
1 THESS 5:16-18 / 12-30-18 AM

I. FIRST, WE SHOULD BE JOYFUL ALL YEAR LONG.

- A. This is Paul's advice--16.
- B. There is something about Paul's advice that we need to understand.
 - 1. He isn't talking about our emotions.
 - 2. Instead, he is talking about our attitude.
 - 3. How can Christians always be joyful?
 - a. First, remember that God is always in control.
 - b. Second, everything works together for our good.

II. SECOND, WE SHOULD BE PRAYERFUL ALL YEAR LONG. .

- A. Paul says--17.
- B. How can we do this?
 - 1. Paul isn't talking about staying on our knees 24/7.
 - 2. Paul is saying we should stay in an attitude of prayer throughout the day.

III. THIRD, WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL ALL YEAR LONG.

- A. This is what Paul says--18.
- B. This is another way we can control our attitude.
- C. Notice a couple of important things Paul says here.
 - 1. First, Paul doesn't say be grateful "for" all things. Instead he says be grateful "in" all things.
 - 2. Second, Paul gives us another reason to be grateful--"This is Gods will".