

The Maturing Christian in Fellowship with God 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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A. The Maturing Christian in Fellowship with God

1. Lives a rejoicing life: 1 Thess. 5:16

TODAY

2. Lives a life of unceasing prayer and giving of thanks
1 Thess. 5:16-18

- a. The definition of prayer:

John Bunyan – “Prayer is a sincere, sensible, affectionate pouring out of the heart or soul to God, through Christ, in the strength and assistance of the Holy Spirit, for such things as God has promised, or according to his Word for the good of the church, with submission in faith to the will of God.”

- b. The two types of prayer

- Petitionary prayer (not without relationship)
Matthew 6:9-13

- Relational prayer
Psalm 23, Psalm 31

- c. The place of giving thanks in prayer

1 Thess. 5:18, Matt. 11:25, John 11:41, Luke 10:21,
Eph. 5:15-20, Luke 17:11-19