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THANKFULNESS

1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 gives us instructions for holy living. Verse 18 says, ***“In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”***

It does not say to thank God ***for*** everything, but it does say we are to thank Him ***in*** everything. When we do this, we are to do it with a cheerful heart, in fact it is a gift to be cheerful. In Romans 12:8b it says, ***“he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.”***

Giving mercy should not be an act of manipulation. It should make us cheerful to know we have extended mercy to those that need it.

2 Corinthians 9:7b says, ***“God loveth a cheerful giver.”*** You cannot be cheerful without being thankful.

We have so much to thank God for. The breath in our lungs, the sight with our eyes, the thoughts that we think, the home and things he has provided. There are so many that do not have the luxury of a home, sight, or to be able to breathe without help.

Be thankful my friends. God is delighted with a thankful heart. If you have not been thankful lately for what God has done for you, I think right now is a good time to do just that.