

How Then Shall We Live Part 3

1 Thess. 5:16-17

I. What about these 7 exhortations given to us by God.

All 7 verbs are present imperatives.

*“These simple commands reveal the true life –changing power of Jesus Christ”
by Ray Pritchard*

*II. The commands be joyful, prayful and thankful
vs 16-18*

A. What is the key to rejoicing always? Pray continually with thanksgiving.

- Philippians 4:4,*
- Philippians 4:6-7*

B. What does it mean to pray continually (or without ceasing)

1. To pray with out ceasing has been linked to a persistent cough.

2. “God is in the business of creating what is not “ by John Piper

- The Message Bible verse 18*

“Thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live”.

Prayer by Ray Pritchard,

May it be our prayer as we leave today.

Lord Jesus, without your help we will never live this way. Forgive us for complaining when we should be rejoicing. Teach us to pray continually. You have given us so much. Give us one thing more-grateful hearts. May your life flow through us this week so that no matter what happens, we may be always rejoicing, continually praying, and giving thanks in everything.