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16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt 21 but test them all; hold on to what is good, 22 reject every kind of evil.

CONTINUE TO LIVE YOUR LIFE IN JESUS

- **Colossians 2:6-7** - 6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

REJOICE ALWAYS

- **1 Thessalonians 5:16** - 16 Rejoice always...

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- **2 Corinthians 6:10** - ... 10 sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

PRAY CONTINUALLY

- **1 Thessalonians 5:17** - 17 ...pray continually...

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- **Colossians 4:2** - 2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

- **1 Thessalonians 5:18** - 18 ...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE THAT LOVE HIM

- **Romans 8:28** - 28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

DO NOT QUENCH THE SPIRIT

- **1 Thessalonians 5:19** - 19 Do not quench the Spirit.

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- We quench the Spirit when we do not believe that God can do far abundantly more than we ask or think.
- **Ephesians 3:20** - 20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us...

DO NOT QUENCH THE SPIRIT

- We quench the Spirit by tolerating any unrepentant sin.
- **Ephesians 4:30** - 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

DO NOT TREAT PROPHECIES WITH CONTEMPT

- **1 Thessalonians 5:20** - 20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt...

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- **2 Timothy 3:16-17** - 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

DO NOT TREAT PROPHECIES WITH CONTEMPT

- **2 Timothy 4:1-2** - I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

TEST THE PROPHECIES – PREACHING

- **1 Thessalonians 5:21** - ...21 but test them all; hold on to what is good...

FOUR FOLD “S” TEST – FALSE TEACHING

- Savior Test
- Scripture Test
- Spirit Test
- Saint Test

TEST THE PROPHECIES - PREACHING

- **2 Peter 2:1-3** - But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. 3 And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.



REJECT EVERY KIND OF EVIL

- **1 Thessalonians 5:22** - ...22 reject every kind of evil.

REJECT EVERY KIND OF EVIL TEMPTATION

- **1 Corinthians 10:13** - 13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

REJECT EVERY KIND OF EVIL ABSTAIN FROM SINFUL DESIRES

- **1 Peter 2:11-12** - 11 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

REJECT EVERY KIND OF EVIL

- **1 Peter 3:15-16** - 15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.