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**THE BEST EVIDENCE OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

Prayer, the Will of God, and Gratitude

ROMANS 8:26-27 KJV

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 KJV

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

EPHESIANS 5:20 KJV

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

PRAY • SEEK • GIVE THANKS



ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL

A SPIRIT-FILLED CHRISTIAN IS CONSTANTLY IN PRAYER, AND GRATITUDE IS THE RESULT.

Prayer is not uninterrupted speaking. It is continuing dependence upon God. The Holy Spirit helps believers in their weakness and intercedes according to the will of God when human understanding and language are insufficient. Prayer turns the believer's attention from self-sufficiency to God's grace, and gratitude follows.

A SPIRIT-FILLED CHRISTIAN IS CONCERNED WITH THE WILL OF GOD, AND GRATITUDE IS THE RESULT

The Spirit never leads a believer to violate the written word of God. He renews the mind through truth and directs the heart toward what pleases God. Concern for God's will replaces the demand that life always conform to personal preference, allowing thanksgiving to grow even when God's direction is difficult.

GRATITUDE IS THE WILL OF GOD FOR ALL BELIEVERS

because 1 Thessalonians 5:18 addresses every believer in Christ Jesus. Thanksgiving is not reserved for those with easy circumstances or naturally cheerful personalities. All believers are commanded to give thanks in every situation because God remains faithful and their salvation remains secure in Christ.

GRATITUDE IS THE WILL OF GOD FOR ALL THINGS

because Ephesians 5:20 calls believers to give thanks always for all things unto God the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. This does not call evil good or deny suffering. It expresses confidence that God is sovereign, that His grace remains sufficient, and that nothing can defeat His final redemptive purpose in Christ.

GRATITUDE

Gratitude is therefore not shallow optimism. It is a Spirit-produced response to the character of God. The thankful believer may grieve, suffer, and pray for change while still confessing that God is present, wise, loving, and worthy of trust.