



1 Thessalonians 5 (NRSV)

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Ephesians 6 (NRSV)

18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Colossians 4 (NRSV)

2 Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.

Philippians 4 (NRSV)

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything (*meden merimnate*), but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

1. Words to live by

- Paul: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances.
- Romans: Just do as we say, and no one gets _____.

- Judaizers: Keep yourselves _____.
- 2. Precarious positions

- precarious: from the Latin *precarius*, "obtained by prayer;" "dependent upon the will of another"
- Perpetuate a precarious position, preventing _____.

3. Me merimnate (do not worry)

- *meden merimnate*: worry about nothing
- *merimnaó*: to worry about, take care of, take responsibility for, to look after
- You mustn't _____ with our Father's things.
- Rome: Depend on us.
- Judaizers: Depend on your ability to follow the Law.
- Paul: Depend on _____.
