

After listening to the recording of Class #15 of our continuing study of First Thessalonians, use the following questions to further your study and find application within our own lives. Read the Scriptures first, then consider the questions that follow.

First Thessalonians Class #15

#1. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- A. Even in the midst of the most difficult of circumstances can you find a reason to rejoice in Christ Jesus?
- B. What would ever cause us to shy away from praying to the Almighty God?
- C. Do our spiritual lives ever get better while avoiding sincere prayer?
- D. Why is it that we more easily notice the good things after they cease for a while?
- E. What hinders us from being a most grateful / thankful people in Jesus?
- F. What is God's will for us in Christ Jesus?
- G. Do you fully submit to God's will in your life? What is the goal of being thankful?

#2. Read Luke 10:17-20 [topic: Rejoice Always]

- A. What brought the "70" joy after returning from their mission?
- B. What authority did Jesus give them?
- C. How awesome would this authority be to possess?
- D. Did Jesus think authority over demons/spirits was the best reason to rejoice?
- E. What was worthy of rejoicing over in Jesus' mind?
- F. Which would you rather have: authority over demons & all the power of the enemy OR your name recorded in heaven?
- G. Can the faithful in Jesus ALWAYS REJOICE that their names are written in heaven? Since we rejoice over our heavenly citizenship, how could that citizenship ever be lost & our joy taken away from us? Will faithlessness cause joy to leave?

#3. Read Luke 18:1-8 [topic: Pray without Ceasing]

- A. What was the purpose of Jesus sharing this parable?
- B. Did the unrighteous judge fear God and respect man? What made him give in to her?
- C. What is different about God being attentive to the prayers of the elect compared to the widows unceasing request of protection from the unrighteous judge?
- D. Does God care about enacting justice? Will He delay long over His children?
- E. Should we pray without ceasing? Is our timing always best to achieve His will?

#4. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10 [topic: in Everything give Thanks]

- A. When does godliness have its "great gain"?
- B. Will you take any physical possessions when you die? How should this affect us now?
- C. What 2 things should we be content with? DO YOU HAVE MORE THAN THESE TWO?
- D. What's the outcome of wanting to get rich? So why do we rigorously pursue it then?
- E. What does the love of money cost now/eternally? Can you be content with heaven?