

Rejoice always  
Pray without ceasing  
In all things give thanks

1 Thess. 5:16-18

- were persuaded to receive the word, welcome it as word of God not man, follow the Lord, turn from sin, to wait for the coming of the Lord, etc.
- faced hard decisions, harsh consequences, affliction because of truth
- sorrowed at the illness and death of loved ones
- had knowledge of unruly, fainthearted, weak brethren
- were known by God for work of faith, labor of love, patience of hope
- loved the brotherhood

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A time to be born,	a time to die;
A time to plant,	a time to pluck what is planted;
A time to kill,	a time to heal;
A time to break down,	a time to build up;
A time to weep,	a time to laugh;
A time to mourn,	a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones,	a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace,	a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to gain,	a time to lose;
A time to keep,	a time to throw away;
A time to tear,	a time to sew;
A time to keep silence,	a time to speak;
A time to love,	a time to hate;
A time of war,	a time of peace.

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- Even before you know “why” Deut. 8:2-3

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- Understand His will Eph. 5:16; Rom. 11:33-34;  
Acts 10:17, 34
- Give thanks by faith
  - with understanding (believe) 1 Thess. 2:13
  - before we understand (trust) Eccl. 3:1-8

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in Christ Jesus*

- John 10:10 Jesus came to give life abundantly
- Without Jesus, man invents his own version of thankfulness Rom. 1:21-23

Who?

Why?

When?

How?



Thank You