

a weary world
REJOICES



1 Thessalonians 5

- Patience isn't something _____;

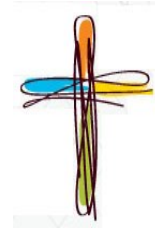
- Joy isn't something _____;

- Giving thanks isn't something _____;

- Rejoicing isn't something _____;

How then are we to respond when we become the object of another persons resentment or anger? We must pursue only what is good for everyone. Period. God says nothing about this pursuit being contingent on whether or not we think someone deserves our kindness. We must resist the urge to fight fire with fire by repaying evil with evil. We cannot control how others treat us, but we can control how we respond to them. We must do our part and then trust God to do His part.

Mark Howell
"Christ Centered Exposition"



Dix Hills Evangelical Free

November 29, 2020

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us today!

9:00 AM Traditional Service
10:30 AM Contemporary Service

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Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

DHEFC Worship Schedule

Traditional Service at 9:00am, Contemporary Service at 10:30am

This Week at DHEFC:

Mon.	11/29	Women's Bible Study	7:00 PM
Tues.	12/1	Boys Brigade	7:00 PM
Wed	12/2	Youth Group	6:45 PM
Thurs.	12/3	College and Career	7:30 PM
Friday	12/4	Pioneer Girls	7:00 PM



1. Why do you think so many people feel that 2020 was a wasted year? Looking back what are some specific things you're thankful for in 2020?
2. In what ways was normal, pre-Covid an idol for people? How will you respond if back to normal isn't what God has in mind?
3. Read 1 Thess 5:14-15. How have people been idle, fainthearted and weak this year? How are we called to encourage people like that? See Heb 10:24-24; 12:1-2.
4. Why is patience something we often demand from others, but fail to show to others? How can we be more like the Lord who's slow to anger and merciful, instead of being critical and judgmental? See Jonah 4:1-3. How would the way you deal with people be different if you showed more patience?
5. Read 1 Thess 5:16. As followers of Christ why is joy something we're called to live in and not just work at? See John 15:9-11. Why can't we grumble and be joyful at the same time?
6. How is rejoicing not something based on our feelings, but based on what we know is true? Why does the truth of the gospel fill us with rejoicing? See Isa 9:2,6.
7. Read 1 Thess 5:16-18. How do you struggle to give thanks in everything? What could help change your perspective?



Christmas Decorating Today, November 29th

If you are interested in helping today, we are asking you to please see or call **Monica Erwin (319-931-8451)** or **Carol Carlsen (516-971-5095)** to schedule a time slot.

Only God could take the thousands of details of a person's life (some good and some bad) and weave them into the beautiful tapestry of His perfect plan. From the human perspective, many of life's occurrences—especially the painful ones—appear to have little intrinsic value. However, if we had God's perspective, we would be able to view each of these details in a different way. Providence affirms that no detail is irrelevant or insignificant. God is using everything for our ultimate good and His everlasting glory. What more could please the heavenly Father than for Him to know that we trust Him so much that we are willing to live each moment in a constant state of thankfulness?

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