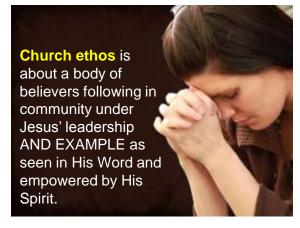


³⁹ Then, accompanied by the disciples, Jesus left the upstairs room and <u>went as usual</u> to the Mount of Olives. ⁴⁰ There he told them, "<u>Pray</u> that you will not give in to temptation."





1 Thessalonians 5

¹⁶ Always be joyful. ¹⁷ Never stop praying. ¹⁸ Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.



Paul says "God's will is for you to be holy" (4:3a) or sanctified – the process of allowing God to set us apart from sin to serve Him.



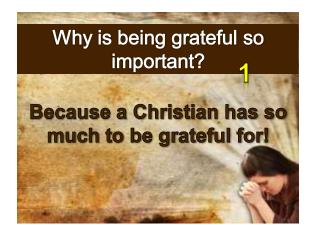
Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.



What type of prayer life?

grateful

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¹ Therefore, since <u>we have been made right in God's</u> <u>sight</u> by faith, <u>we have peace with God</u> because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. ² Because of our faith, <u>Christ has brought us into this place of</u> <u>undeserved privilege</u> where we now stand, and we confidently and <u>joyfully</u> look forward to sharing God's glory. ³ We can <u>rejoice</u>, too, <u>when we run into</u> <u>problems and trials, for we know that they help us</u> <u>develop endurance</u>. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵ And <u>this hope will not lead to</u> <u>disappointment</u>. For <u>we know how dearly God loves</u> <u>us</u>, because <u>he has given us the Holy Spirit</u> to fill our hearts with his love. (Romans 5)

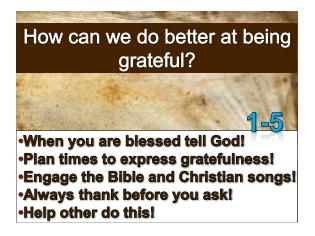
Why is being grateful so important?

Because habit of gratitude will result in great joy!

"joyful" (*chairo*), "thankful" (*eucharisto*), "grace" (*charis*) and "joy" (*chara*)



²¹ Yes, <u>they knew God, but they</u> wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. ²² Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. (Romans 1) ⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit. ⁵ Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. ⁶ So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. (Romans 8)







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