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Yes, but what about those severe trials? Gal.5:22; IICor.6:10

If you are going to experience real joy in the midst of trials, what must you have? Rom.8:28

What follows this attitude of joyfulness? 5:17; Lu.18:1-8; Eph.6:18; Col.4:2; IPet.4:7

Why is this necessary for a believer? ITim.2:8; Rom.12:12; Eph.6:18; Phil.4:6; Col.4:2

And what are we to do because it is God's will for us? 5:18; Heb.13:15; Ps.136:1-3

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Always be joyful, rejoicing. Easy to say when the sun is shining! But what about...

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One of the fruits of the Spirit is joy. It's not 'normal'. And it's not always immediate!

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You must have Faith that your Lord is in control and all things work together for good...

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Paul commands that we pray continually. This is a way of life, not some continuous act.

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Because it is commanded over and over. It is God's will and delight to answer our prayers.

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We are to give thanks to Him in all circumstances. Always Living In View of Eternity!

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We're not to quench (put out, extinguish, resist) the Holy Spirit. Instead, kindle afresh!

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Don't make them 'of no account'. Test everything (by Scripture). Hold the good, avoid evil

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May God Himself sanctify you totally, body/soul/spirit. Keep you blameless at His coming.

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No! The One who calls you is faithful and He will do it! Praise the Lord for His Grace!

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May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And all God's people said, 'AMEN'!