

The Sheep To the Great Shepherd

1 Thessalonians 5:16

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Summary

- Congregation and leadership.
- Congregation with leadership.
- Congregation and leadership with God.

I Thess. 5:16

- Rejoice always.
- Rejoice *always*.

In Context

- I Thess. 5:13 speaks of love.
- I Thess. 5:13 speaks of peace.
- I Thess. 5:14 speaks of patience.
- I Thess. 5:16 speaks of joy.

Rejoice

- Means: to be glad. From the root word meaning joy or delight.
- Heb 12:2 “fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Two Verses

- Heb. 12:2 "...who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."
- Neh. 8:10 "Then he said to them,... for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

So What?

- This is a command.
- All commands involve choices.
- Love and joy are acts of the will.

Question

- Who is your God this morning?
- The answer to this question should determine your joy in life.