

## The Standing Orders of the Church

### I Thessalonians 5: 9-18

**Intro: Do we have standing orders at home?**

**Text: v16 rejoice v17 pray v18 give thanks**

**Standing orders imply a way of life**

### **REJOICE**

**Rejoice always**

**Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.**

**There is a difference between happiness and joy**

**Happiness depends on favorable circumstances!**

**Joy does not!**

**There is Joy in salvation sins are forgiven fellowship with God**

**God's word guides us even in suffering**

**DAVID-the joy of salvation can be lost sin - neglected fellowship**

**Salvation's joy can be restored Assuming Christian responsibilities**

### **PRAYER v. 17**

**Pray without ceasing!**

**Christ's example**

**God's desire**

**Our need**

**ILL Portable hand tools**

**Give Thanks v. 18**

**In everything give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

**Note Philippians 4: 4-7**

**ILL. Christmas party in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade no one like his/her gift!**

**Thank God for Dirty Dishes, that have a tale to tell;**

**While others may go hungry, we're eating very well**

**With home, health, and happiness I shouldn't want to fuss;**

**By the stack of evidence God's been very good to us.**

**Thou hast given so much to me, Give one thing to me**

**Give one thing more – a grateful heart, not thankful**

**When it pleases me, as if thy blessings had spare days, but such**

**a heart whose pulse may be .....Thy PRAISE!**