3. R WITH GRATITUDE

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." - I Thessalonians 5:18

MEANING: <u>In</u> - Denoting a position

"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah." - **Psalm 68:19**

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." - **John 10:28**

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TITLE: RENEWED IN THE WILL OF GOD

"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

- I Thessalonians 5:16-18

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"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." - **Jeremiah 1:5**

"But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen;..." - Galatians 1:15-16a

"Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." - Acts 26:17-18

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." - II Peter 3:9

"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

- I Timothy 2:3-4

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;" - **I Thessalonians 4:3-4**

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. - Romans 12:1-2

1. R TO BE GLAD

"Rejoice evermore." - I Thessalonians 5:16

MEANING: Rejoice - To be glad, be joyful, be delighted

"Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice." - Philippians 4:4

"And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:"

- I Thessalonians 1:6

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy..." - Galatians 5:22a

"This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." - **Psalm 118:24**

"When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble: when he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops. Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation." - Habakkuk 3:16-18

QUOTE - "We may alter our dispositions and moods by a resolute action of the will. We can refuse to look miserable, to speak mournfully, to be pessimistic, to pass on depression. In a spirit of unselfishness we can put on a cheerful courage, array ourselves in the garments of joy, anoint ourselves with the spirit of praise and thankfulness, and go forth into the world to shed sunbeams rather than shadows on the path of life." - **F.B. MEYER**

"And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them." - **Acts 16:26**

JOHN WESLEY -

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath; And when my voice is lost in death, Praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne'er be past While life and thought and being last, Or immortality endures

2. R____UPON GOD

"Pray without ceasing." - I Thessalonians 5:17

MEANING: Without ceasing - Without interruption

"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." - **Daniel 6:10**

"Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice." - **Psalm 55:17**

QUOTE - "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me seemed insufficient for the day."

- Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." - **Hebrews 4:16**