



# Overcoming Evil with Power of Praise and Thanksgiving

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

1 Thessalonians 5:18



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  5. Apathy—this is a lack of love and zeal for Christ.



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- Shout for joy to God in the face of those strongholds. Make a joyful noise to the Lord before any barriers that stand in your way.



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- Joshua 6:3-4, *The LORD said to Joshua, "You shall march around the city (Jericho), all the men of war circling the city once. You shall do so for six days. Also, seven priests shall carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark; then on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets."*



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- Joshua 6:5, *"It shall be that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down."*



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- Psalm 81:1 *“Shout for joy to the God of Jacob!”*



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- The Hebrew word for “make a joyful noise” is the same word translated “shout” here in Joshua 6.



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- By faith, follow His commands. Trust Him enough to do what He says even when it doesn't make sense to you. That's what Israel did.



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- Joshua 6:8, *"And it was so, that when Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD went forward and blew the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, while they continued to blow the trumpets."*



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- Joshua 6:14 *"Thus the second day they marched around the city once, and returned to the camp; they did so for six days."*



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- “*Put away falsehood*” and “*speak the truth with [your] neighbor*” (Ephesians 4:25).
- It doesn’t always make sense to let go of your anger, but God says, “*Do not let the sun go down on your wrath*” (Ephesians 4:26).



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- It doesn't always make sense to hold your tongue, but God says, "*Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up... that it may give grace to those who hear*" (Ephesians 4:29).



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- It doesn't always make sense to forgive the one who has wronged you, but God says, "*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you*" (Ephesians 4:32).



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- Offer God the first part of your income. Present to Him the first and best part of what He gives you.



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- Joshua 6:18-19, *"But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it. But all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron, are holy to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD."* (ESV)



# Conclusion