

Favorite Scripture – Vickie Keene (2021)

Scripture – Book(s) and Chapter(s):

1 Thessalonians 5:16



Scripture passage(s):

16 Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Why this is my favorite scripture:

I do not have a favorite scripture. There are too many to speak to me personally on any given day or in different circumstances. Rather than choosing a "word" for the year, I try to choose a scripture at the beginning of each year that I think God has put in my heart. It might reflect an area of my faith that I feel is weak and needs a lot of intentional focus and prayer. Other times it might relate to current circumstances in my life or the world and how I should respond as a Christian. Doing something "always", "continually" and "without ceasing" seems to be an impossible undertaking but here I am in 2021 making it a priority in my faith life. I'm guessing that "an attitude of gratitude" will at least give me a "jump start". I keep a printed copy of the scripture with my Bible and devotions and at work so that I can see and reflect on it frequently. Last year the scripture I chose was Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God forgave you.

What it provides to me:

Focus, Guidance, Faith

What I hope it brings to others:

Heavenly Father, I humbly ask for Your help and guidance to rejoice always, pray continually, and to give thanks in all circumstances. Let me use this scripture to grow in faith and in service to you, the giver of all gifts.

Amen