

(Colossians 4:2-6) Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way that I ought to proclaim it. Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Your speech must always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

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--- Barriers to having an Attitude of Gratitude ---

**1) I have a tendency to think \_\_\_\_\_ more.**

(1 Timothy 6:17) Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to set their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

**2) I have a tendency to think \_\_\_\_\_ more.**

(2 Timothy 3:1-5) But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, slanderers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness although they have denied its power; avoid such people as these.

**3) I have a tendency to think \_\_\_\_\_ more.**

(Proverbs 16:18-19) Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling. It is better to be humble in spirit with the needy than to divide the spoils with the proud.

(Colossians 2:6-7) Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

--- Thanks-giving ---

**1. Grateful people live \_\_\_\_\_ focused.**

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✓ **Look for ways to show Christ through \_\_\_\_\_.**

(Colossians 1:3-4) We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints.

**2. Grateful people live \_\_\_\_\_.**

(Colossians 4:5) Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.

✓ **Look for ways to show Christ through \_\_\_\_\_.**

(2 Corinthians 8:1-5) Now, brothers and sisters, we make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave voluntarily, begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints, and this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

**3. Grateful people live \_\_\_\_\_.**

(Colossians 3:15) Let the peace of Christ, to which you were indeed called in one body, rule in your hearts; and be thankful.

✓ **Look for ways to show Christ through \_\_\_\_\_.**

(Colossians 4:6) Your speech must always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.