

(Colossians 3:15-17) Let the peace of Christ, to which you were indeed called in one body, rule in your hearts; and be **thankful**. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with **thankfulness** in your hearts to God. Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving **thanks** through Him to God the Father.

--- Missing out on a heart of gratitude ---

- ✓ When I rush past _____.
- ✓ When I neglect time _____.

1) Gratitude begins with _____ in Christ.

(Psalm 34:6-9) This wretched man cried out, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and rescues them. Taste and see that the Lord is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! Fear the Lord, you His saints; For to those who fear Him there is no lack of anything.

2) Delighting in Christ _____ my desires.

(Philippians 2:12-13) So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to desire and to work for His good pleasure.

--- Delighting in Christ ---

1. He gives us a grace-filled desire to _____ deeply.

(Romans 3:11) There is no one who understands, there is no one who seeks out God;

(Ezekiel 36:26) Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

(Philippians 3:8) More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them mere rubbish, so that I may gain Christ,

(Psalm 119:36-38) Incline my heart to Your testimonies, and not to dishonest gain. Turn my eyes away from looking at what is worthless, and revive me in Your ways. Establish Your word to Your servant as that which produces reverence for You.

2. He gives us a grace-filled desire to _____ faithfully.

(Philippians 2:1-5) Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

3. He gives us a grace-filled desire to _____ boldly.

(2 Corinthians 5:20) Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.