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Application:

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What are some *specific* things you're thankful to the Lord for?

Have you ever been used of the Lord to bring someone to salvation in Christ? Comment??

How do you move toward *speaking w/grace and salt*?

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Devote = steadfast, persevere. To pray without ceasing (abandoning, giving up). Pray!

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Watchful = stay awake or be spiritually alert. Without ceasing be alert in prayer.

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It is to pray with thanksgiving. The attitude of thanksgiving should be our hallmark!

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Pray for us. Open doors for our message to proclaim the mystery of Christ (Gospel).

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Pray for being able to clearly present the Gospel. To anyone/everyone, clearly. Me too!

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Experience centered, ego centered, manipulative. Faith comes by the Word of Christ

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Make the most of every Gospel opportunity. Speak w/grace/salt, appropriate for each one.

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