

Gracious Words: Evidence of New Birth

Colossians 4:2-6

Your _____ reveals what kind person you are.
Ephesians 4:29-32.

The lifestyle and speech of the pagan Colossian people reflected their commitment to Caesar worship.

Our lifestyles and speech reflect whom we worship as well.

I. Our Speech to God: Grateful

There are multiple translations of the verb here: devote, persist, be steadfast, endure, and more. It's a command for us to not give up until God _____.

The second component is that we remain _____; This watchfulness is done in the atmosphere of _____. Compare your circumstances to Paul's....The idea of gratitude occurs some five times in this short epistle.

Notice what the focus of his prayer....an open door.

II. Our Speech to Others: Gracious

We might not like it but how Christians act (and especially talk) is one of the ways God attracts others. Would believers be encouraged and the lost come to Christ by your demeanor or would they be repelled by it? Though few people read their Bibles often, rest assured they read you all the time.

So our walk ought to reflect our redemption and our _____ ought _____ be gracious. It's tough, but there are no exceptions if we take Paul at his word.

Wisdom is to reflect our _____ while grace is to reflect our _____.

Our gracious words, as well, are to be seasoned with salt. The words we speak ought to have a _____ on those around us.

Walking in wisdom and speaking with grace helps keep us ready to help anyone who comes to us.

If you were grading yourself this morning on your walk and your words.....