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NOTES

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper designed as a notebook page. At the top left, there is a dark blue rectangular header bar with the word "NOTES" written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The rest of the page is filled with horizontal dotted lines, providing space for writing.

WARM-UP

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- What's the best thing that happened to you this week?
 - Recall a time when you had to make a difficult decision. How did you decide what to do?
 - Do you have a hard time confronting a friend with the truth? Why or why not?

WORD

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. COLOSSIANS 4:2

As the Apostle Paul was concluding his letter to the church in Colossae, he gave them instructions on living in a way that honors God and that leads others to Him. These instructions still apply to us so that we may live with a mission—to help many others follow Jesus. In this lesson, we will look at praying with thanksgiving, walking in wisdom, and speaking with grace.

1 Pray with thanksgiving.

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. COLOSSIANS 4:2

As followers of Christ, we are to constantly bring our concerns, challenges, and joys to the Lord steadfastly in prayer. We do this with gratitude for who God is and His faithfulness to us. What was Paul's prayer request in Colossians 4:3,4?

2 Walk in wisdom.

Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. COLOSSIANS 4:5

Paul commanded the believers to walk in wisdom so that the church would set a good example for the unbelievers in the community and eventually lead them to Christ. What do you think it means to make *the best use of the time*?

3 Speak with grace.

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

COLOSSIANS 4:6

Paul says that our speech and conversation should be gracious and appropriate, in a way that helps people know God. We should be ready to answer questions people may have when they see our lives. What is the purpose of salt? Why do you think our conversations should be *gracious* and *seasoned with salt*?

APPLICATION

- Do you have a time and place for daily Bible reading and prayer? How can you be steadfast in prayer and be thankful to God this week?
- In what area of your life do you need wisdom and grace? How can you make the best use of your time? Ask God for wisdom today and every day this week.
- Are you ready to give an answer for the hope of your salvation? To whom can you present the gospel this week?

PRAYER

- Thank God for the wisdom and grace He provides. Thank Him for your greatest blessings and for His faithfulness in your life.
- Ask God to help you walk in wisdom and speak with grace every day. Pray that your speech would be gracious and seasoned with salt, and that what you say and how you live would lead many to Christ.
- Pray that you will be steadfast in prayer and in praying for others. Pray specifically for our long-term cross-cultural missionaries—for God's favor and protection to be always upon them.



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