

**Giving Voice to the Speechless –  
A Grateful Heart Part 1  
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**Jesus toward the other. Rom 15:2-6  
NLT**

- 1) What I \_\_\_\_\_ determines how I \_\_\_\_\_!  
\_\_\_\_\_! \_\_\_\_\_ will change my \_\_\_\_\_!
- How **grateful** I am, and how I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again. I know you have always been concerned for me, but for a while you didn't have the chance to help me. Phil 4:10 NLT
  - LORD, accept my **grateful** thanks and teach me your laws. My life constantly hangs in the balance, but I will not stop obeying your law. Ps 119:108-109 NLT
  - Therefore let us be **grateful** for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire. Heb 12:27-29 RSV
  - Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with **gratitude** in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Col 3:15-17NIV
- 2) The Lord calls me \_\_\_\_\_ a blessing, but I focus on \_\_\_\_\_ a blessing!
- "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and **you will be a blessing**. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and **all peoples on earth will be blessed** through you." Gen 12:2-3 NIV
  - We should **please others**. If we do what helps them, we will build them up in the Lord. For even Christ didn't please himself...May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other--**each with the attitude of Christ**

- 3) God's \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom is to be lived out \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!
- "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to **preach good news to the poor**. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and **recovery of sight for the blind**, to release **the oppressed**, to **proclaim** the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19 NIV
  - Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; **and he healed them**. The people were amazed when they saw; the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel. Matt 15:30-31 NIV
  - "**Speak up for those who cannot speak** for themselves, stand for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; **defend the rights of the poor and needy**." Prov 31:8-9 NIV
- 4) I am called to \_\_\_\_\_ as a person of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, to be \_\_\_\_\_ different from our culture's world view.
- ...do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to **wake up from your slumber**, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and **put on the armor of light**. **Let us behave decently**, Rom 13:11-13 NIV
  - Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27 NIV
  - "**Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened**." But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 1 Peter 3:14-15 NIV