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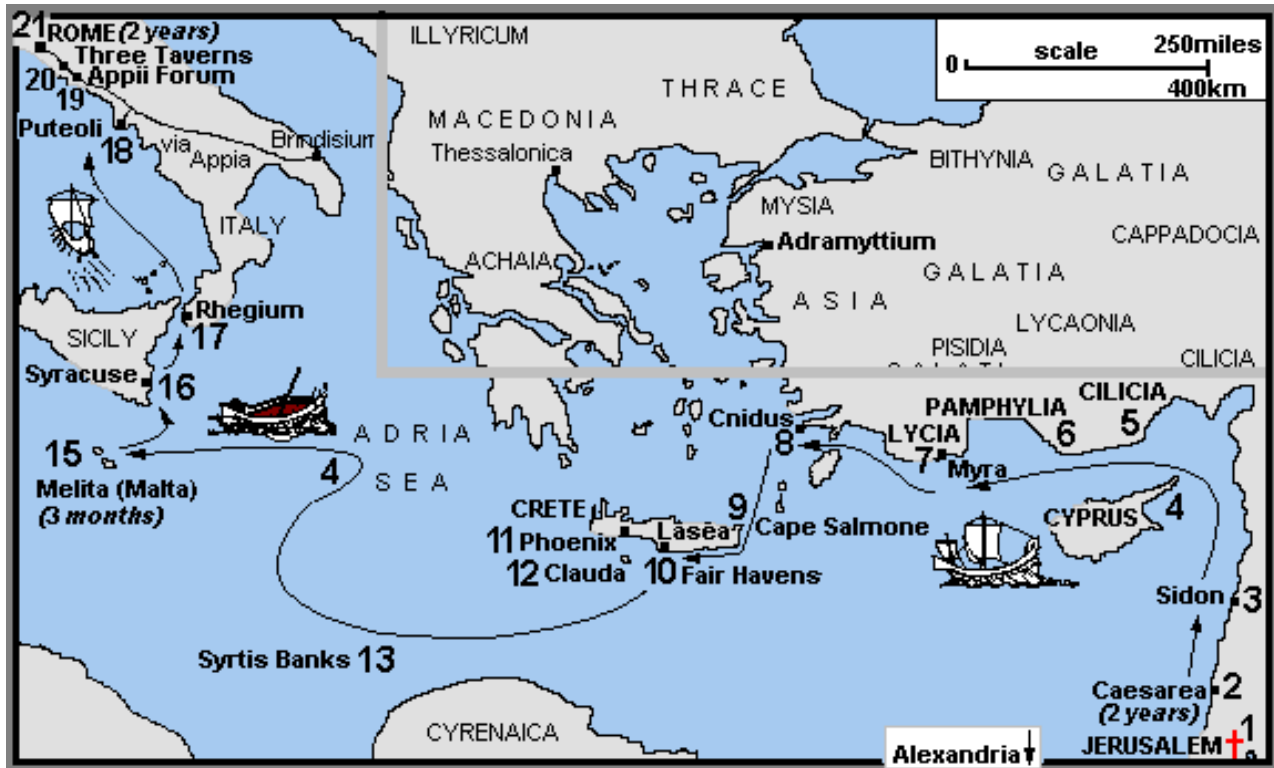
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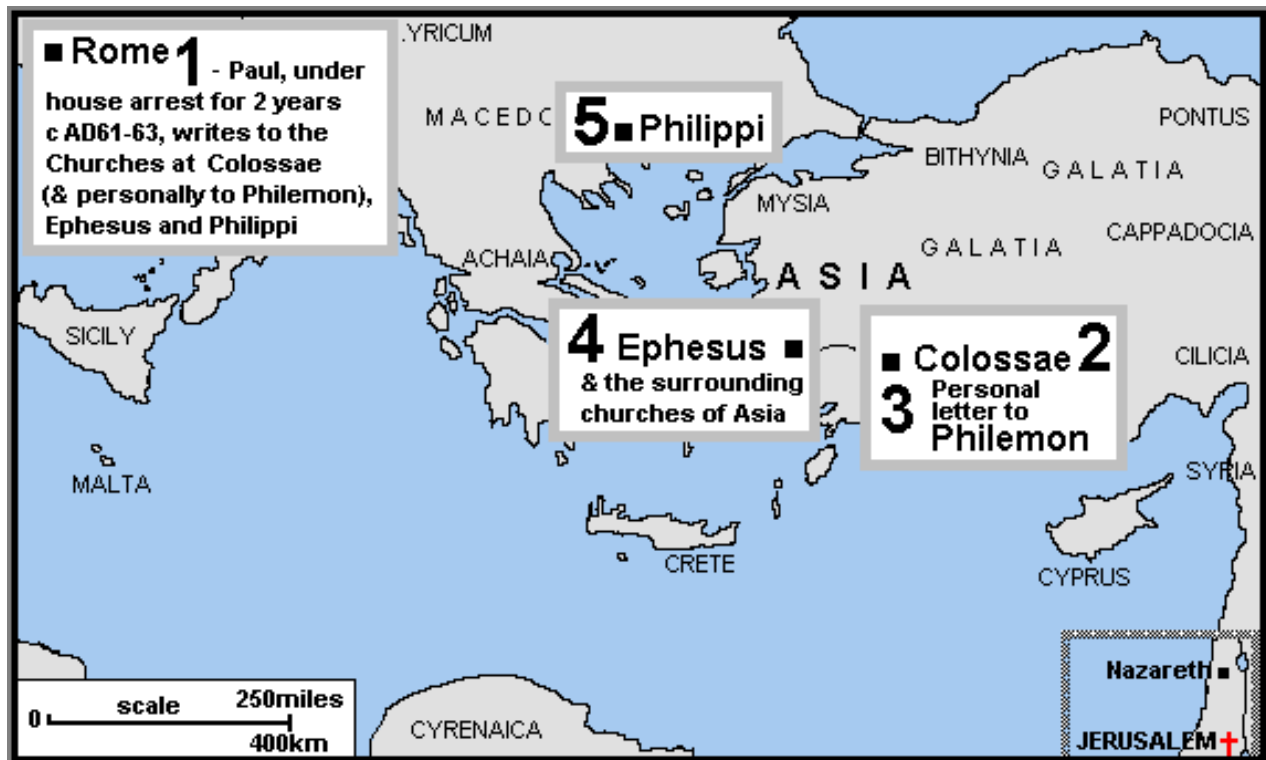
Lesson 1A



Paul's Journey under arrest from Palestine to Rome • AD 58-61

1. Written by: _____.
2. Written when Paul was in _____ under _____.
3. Written to _____, the sister city of _____, also near Herapolis.
4. Paul was not the _____ of this church.
5. Paul is writing to _____, for the most part.

6. When he visited Ephesus, Paul met _____, who was from _____.
7. Epaphrus eventually went back to Colossae and _____ the church there.
8. Epaphrus visited Paul in _____. He's not just there to encourage Paul, he's coming for _____.



9. Epaphrus told Paul there were:

_____ teachers,
 introducing man-made _____,
 increasing _____,
 to venerate _____
 not to _____ certain _____
 to participate in certain _____.

10. This is a letter written to the _____, not to the leadership.

11. Paul sent this letter with two travelers:

_____ and Tychicus.

12. The letters Paul sent with these two men are called the _____
 Epistles.

13. Paul's three concerns as he writes to the Colossians are:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

14. . Paul is already setting up the _____ with the people.

15. First he begins by referring to himself up as an _____,
 "an apostle by the _____," "not sent
 from _____."

16. What is an apostle? A _____ sent by God.
17. "Disciple" means a _____, _____.
Apostle means "one sent with a _____".
18. First and foremost, they were _____ by
Christ through a personal moment in His presence.
19. The eternal role of an Apostle is to rule over the twelve _____.
20. How was Paul an Apostle? "...an apostle of Jesus Christ by the _____ of
God."
21. Paul's intentional repetition of Jesus' name and His position as the Christ continues
to _____ them back to Christ.
22. Paul's purpose in pointing out the hope of every believer is to cause them to adopt
an eternal focus. He reminds them they are not: _____.
23. What you got on Day One was _____
to last forever. He is trying to _____ them into the world.
24. Finally, it's not just one _____ who has told you this.
25. Jesus is _____.
26. Love one another as you should. Your hope lies in an _____
reward.

27. He reminds them of what they _____ and the _____ effect it has had on their lives together with the fact that what they experienced is not _____.
28. First issue for the church. "We" is Paul and _____.
29. First prayer for the church to be _____ with the _____ of His _____.
30. For a Christian who should know better, where would/should we go first? Christ is the _____.
31. Unless you have this lens in place you're a _____ to anyone whose advice is wrong.
32. Teaching from Hebrews 1:1-2,
"...in these last days He has spoken through His:" _____
33. What He _____, what He _____
34. Revelation through the Apostles' _____ in the New Testament.
35. Special insight must _____ with what is already revealed, or it can not be acceptable.
36. The most important principle for New Testament believers:
"What you _____ has everything to do

with what you _____; they are intimately connected and together, they are fruit.”

37. Matthew 7:15: “...you will know them by their _____”

38. This is a basic principle that works in two ways in our lives:

First for discerning _____ teachers, and secondly, the key to producing more fruit and reflecting Christ more is true _____ of God.

39. It's about the _____ that's established with Christ when you spend time in His _____.

Lesson 1B

1. Three points Paul wants to connect:

Establish _____

Establish that some of what they've been taught is _____

Replace _____ with _____

2. Cause #1 in verse 9 is for them to be _____ with the knowledge of His will.

3. The Effect of Cause 1 in verse 10 is that they will walk in a manner _____ of the Lord.

4. The first step in walking in a manner worthy of our Lord is that we must _____ His will. (1John 2:4)

5. Cause #2 is the Effect of Cause #1. When you walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, Effect #2 is that I _____ Him. (2Corinthians 5:6)

6. Be filled with _____ that enables us to walk in a _____ manner, which then would cause us to _____ the Lord, which then _____ of good works.

7. Shows the reader how they are _____ and how they can _____

8. The key and central issue of a church, if it is to be sound and healthy, they have to understand _____.
9. Why Paul wants to magnify Christ. The two part message Who He _____ And what He _____
10. Who is Jesus? Relationship is described in 3 ways:
Who He is in relationship to _____
Who He is in relationship to the _____
Who He is in relationship to _____
11. Jesus is the _____ of the _____ God.
Jesus provided the _____ connection to God for us.
12. The product of that same part of the Trinity; a physical connection to God now seen physically through the _____.
13. His headship role can have no true meaning unless Jesus is today actively making _____ and _____ the work of the church through men.
14. There is nothing else of value or of meaning in our religious experience as Christians except _____ and Him _____.

15. The basic problem of the Colossian church (like their closest sister church at Ephesus):

16. The work of Christ on the cross was the _____ work of _____.
17. Why Paul is making this point to this church? _____
18. What prevents false teaching from gaining a foothold?

19. Definition of a Christian: The one who _____ his assurance to the end.
20. Christ's work on the cross is _____.
21. You are holy and blameless if indeed you _____ in the faith, _____ established, and not _____
_____ from the hope of the gospel. To believe in something else is to move away from the hope of the gospel.

Lesson 2A

1. Sections to Paul's prayer:

The _____ of Christ and the _____
of Christ

2. False faiths acknowledge Christ, but don't acknowledge the work of Christ and turn
the Christian theology into Christ _____ something, to be saved.

3. The saving work of Christ didn't just save _____, it saved
_____.

4. God cursed the _____ and the _____.

5. Definition of Curse: to be forever _____ to hell.

6. He never cursed _____ or _____. This world
eventually is: _____.

7. God will do that work by virtue of the _____ work of
Christ on the cross, for the glory of the _____ of God.

8. There is nothing else you can do to prompt, _____ or hold on to
your salvation.

9. You are to _____ in your salvation the way you
_____ your salvation.

10. Definition of Grace = Before you _____ it and before you _____ it God was already making you a child of God.
11. The assurance that you are in faith and are secure is only true for someone who _____ to the true gospel.
12. There is nothing more dangerous than something _____ to the truth that is not in fact the _____.
13. The scriptural expectation for leadership in any church is that they:
- Guard _____
 - Prepare teaching that is _____ with _____.
14. False teaching is not neutral. It leads people astray. For the true believer it _____ their development and maturity.
15. To the unbeliever it becomes a _____.
16. Definition of stumbling block is a path _____
17. Paul makes a reference to himself as the _____ of the gospel. A minister is _____.
18. Paul's purposes in making this point is to prepare them to receive _____, and establishes his _____ as pure and well-intentioned.
19. Verses 24-28 establish Paul's _____.

20. I don't take a _____ place in the church.
Rather I'm doing my part to _____ for Christ.
21. The body of Christ is _____ to suffer. It
began when Christ Himself suffered on the _____.
You and I are the _____ of our Lord now. We
_____ His suffering.
22. It is God's purpose that there continue to be _____ in
the Body of Christ that we might _____ with the
One Whom we are in.
- 23.- We suffer not for the purpose of obtaining _____.
24. It will continue until the appointed suffering for the Body of Christ has reached its
pre-established _____.
25. Paul is appointed to preach the _____ of God's word.
26. Definition of Mystery is _____.
27. Any truth revealed in the _____ but its
meaning was hidden until some later date.
28. The mystery in this case is that God intended to save _____.
29. With the responsibility (of revealing mysteries) comes the necessity of
_____ men to _____ before Christ.

30. Part of that job includes _____.
31. The church at Laodicea has the distinction of being the only one about which nothing _____ is said in the letters in Revelation. It was an _____ church.
32. Paul's purpose is to _____ them, so that they may have a _____ understanding, in order that they might _____ Christ.
33. Paul says this so that no one will _____ them with a _____ argument.
34. False teaching can often be very _____. Ephesians teaches that the enemy comes as an _____ of _____.
35. Where you go is _____. _____ what you're told, persuasive or not.
36. Stability in faith is dependent on _____. Without it you become _____.
37. Verses. 6 and 7 juxtapose dependency on _____ with hollow, empty, deceptive _____ philosophy
38. What is it to depend on Christ? What _____ at _____ is always _____.

Lesson 2B

1. Chapter 2 is where Paul begins to attack the _____ and give the _____ view in response.
2. Paul teaches you hold on to your _____ in the same manner by which it came to you in the first place.
3. This is the reason he will say everything else in the chapter.
4. Rooted = planted by _____ power, into our faith.
5. Colossians 2:8 makes a comparison that sets up the chapter:
If you've been saved without works (verses 6-7), now see to it that no one takes you _____.
6. False teachers in Colossae wanted the people to accept _____ to Christ were necessary to be saved.
7. Paul refers to these things as _____ human philosophy, dependent on _____ and _____ principles.
8. Either we follow these kinds of teachings or we depend on _____.
9. The salvation process was accomplished by _____ work.
10. Christ was completely _____ in physical form.
11. Likewise, _____ are complete in Christ.

12. If on the day you believed you were somehow incomplete for salvation, then somehow _____ wasn't completely God either.
13. An unbeliever has no prospect of spending eternity in God's presence. The only prospect they have is eternal _____.
14. What has to be rectified so that doesn't happen? _____
15. He has dominion over all rule and _____.
16. These words describe the _____.
17. We share in the _____ reserved for _____.
18. The first thing that being in Christ accomplished was it took us out of the _____ of the enemy.
19. We are no longer the sons of _____ but now we are sons of _____.
20. Consequently, we no longer fear _____.
21. The believer is complete in Christ by having undergone a _____
circumcision
22. Circumcision, spiritually speaking, is the circumcision of the _____
by the Holy Spirit, the cutting away of what is not _____ and
the making of your _____ pure.

23. A _____ change followed by a _____ change.
24. The physical circumcision ahead for the believer is when God separates your _____ from your _____.
25. Because the body must be judged for sin, Christ took on that judgment for us when He _____.
26. Our sinful nature was removed having been _____ in Christ, a picture of _____.
27. What more is there that needs to be done? Dying means having a dead body and a _____.
28. All these things were done for us while we were still _____, while we were still _____ in the flesh.
29. We _____ because we are born with a _____.
30. All the sin that will mark your earthly life from _____ to _____ was forgiven in the moment you were saved.
31. We were _____ in the forgiveness that God offered in the moment we were saved. He _____ our debt.
32. The demonic realm has nothing left to _____ us of.

33. Depending on Christ means you are complete in those three ways (under Christ's authority, spiritually circumcised and buried with Christ) and now there is nothing left _____.
34. If you accept what Paul had taught up to this point, then you must be prepared to accept the _____.
- 35.
36. Everything that follows has to be true IF you believe you are _____ in Christ.
37. Let no one act as your _____.
38. Men can only be our judge if we _____ them to be our judge.
39. First two examples of judgment: _____ & _____
40. Specifically, Paul spoke of meat that had been _____
41. Why they should not eat this meat? _____

42. Let no one act as your judge with regard to food or drink in this way; to say there is a _____ when in fact there is no _____.
43. Judging is when someone takes their own _____ and tries to _____ them to someone else.

44. When are rules something we should observe and follow? When they are not applied to believers as a means of _____ or _____.
45. Second category of judgment was _____.
46. How many Jewish festivals were still required? _____.
47. "The Prize" of Christianity is our _____.
48. - You are granted the _____ of having been made _____.
49. Freedom is knowing that I don't have to _____ for my salvation. I am _____ to make decisions about these things (food/drink/festivals) based on the Holy Spirit's leading without respect to my _____.
50. In all this decision making we have the _____ as the guide.
51. Final example of judgment: The _____.
52. The Sabbath was given to the Jews as a picture of _____.
53. Where the _____ was incomplete was that the rest wasn't _____.

54. The shadow pointed us to the real thing which is _____. Now if I _____ in _____ I rest _____. (with regard to salvation).

55. As they were given in the law those things were always meant to be a _____ of Christ. To continue to pay attention to the shadow is _____ to the truth.

56. Benefit of freedom in Christ is I no longer have a _____ of rules I keep in order to be _____. I am holy by _____ work. (in terms of salvation)

57. Now I have an obligation to be _____ to the Holy Spirit and through that, sanctification will come and I will _____ more _____ in my behavior.

Lesson 3

1. Things they trusted in were mere _____ of things found in substance in _____.
2. To continue observing the _____ when you have received the real thing means that you have not _____ the real thing.
3. When they submitted to this false teaching, they were allowing someone to _____ them of the prize.
4. Prize means _____ in Christ
5. Means = self _____ or false _____
6. False understanding that work would gain _____ with God
7. They trusted in _____ and displayed that they were not true believers.
8. God worked through mediators which were _____.
9. What they missed was that a greater _____ was available in Christ.
10. Their reference point for truth came from their _____.
11. Inflated is to make _____

12. They don't hold fast to the _____.
13. Head means: _____

14. False teachers claim faith but trust in their own _____.
They claim to worship Christ but in reality worship _____
They claim to follow scripture but in reality they trust their own vision and
_____ more. They claim to be part of
Christ's church, but in reality they have abandoned the _____
of the church.
15. Baptism pictures our _____ and
_____ with Christ.
16. In spiritual terms, when you believe in Him and receive the Holy Spirit, the nature
we are born with is _____.
17. When you are saved God gives you a new _____,
which is alive to God and able to appreciate, accept, and understand the scripture. It
has the power now to _____ sin, but you are
still shackled to a _____ of sin.
18. Glorification – the time when you will receive the new and incorruptible body –
occurs at the _____.
19. To “die to Christ,” is to have a change of the _____.

20. If you died with Christ, then you have died to the _____ that teach us to gain righteousness by our own _____.
21. Dogma means to willingly embrace a system of _____ that _____ Christianity.
22. If you are submitting to these decrees because you believe your actions are a part of your salvation, then you are _____.
23. If you are submitting to those decrees because you are unaware of how they contradicted scripture, then you are _____.
24. These rules are destined to _____.
25. As one who has been created for an _____ life with Christ, why are you absorbed by in the things of this world?
26. These rules originate in _____ - _____ religion.
27. The great irony is the rules were intended to restrain our _____, but by focusing on the flesh you only make things worse.
28. The only thing that can restrain our flesh is the _____ in us.
29. Our life as a Christian is not a life of sedentary _____.
30. Activity comes from a motivation to _____ Christ, not to earn _____.

31. We need to stop focusing on the things of the body and the _____ and _____ and we should be focused on the _____.
32. Paul continues to reinforce the understanding that you have been changed, and _____ you are a different creature.
33. You are freed from _____ to sin.
34. Being a slave to sin means you _____ help but sin.
35. That nature was changed when you became a _____. You changed from slave, to one who has a _____.
36. Point 1: Seek what is from _____, not what is from _____.
37. Point 2: Your life was buried with Christ. The only life that should matter is our _____ and _____ to Him until He returns.
38. From Barclay: "...for the Christian, _____ is his life..."
39. The Christian life does have an aspiration to be _____ in this body.
40. Consider the earthly members of your body to be _____.
41. Our body doesn't _____, except in how it's used by Christ.

42. These are the things we put to death:

Immorality, or _____ sexual intercourse

Impurity, or moral _____

Passion, or _____, illegitimate _____

Greed, or _____ desires, which is _____

43. These were the traits that defined the _____.

44. Why do we keep on submitting to these passions?

Because we are not _____ to the Spirit

45. Two lists are different in one major way.

The first list has to do with _____ of the body, the

second is _____ related.

46. Speech:

Anger, or an attitude of _____

Wrath, or verbal outburst of a _____ thought

Malice, or _____ disposition that harbors ill-_____

Slander, or insulting or injurious speech, _____

Abusive speech, or _____

Lying, or _____ or _____ speech

47. You are the ones _____ by _____.

48. So if you've been _____, if you're seen as

_____, if you're _____, then

when you do things you have to ask yourself if you are doing things to
_____ something that was achieved before
the foundations of the world.

49. The reason we struggle is because we try to do it _____.

50. What God asks us to do is _____ to Him. It's
not that we _____, it's that we _____.

Lesson 4

1. Coming out of Chapter 2 and into Chapter 3, Paul was moving away from a discussion about what we _____ be doing and into a discussion of what we _____ be doing.
2. Paul's list came as a result of _____ that had levied onto the church its own (wrong) set of do's and don't's.
3. In Chapter 3, Paul moves into true Christian doctrine and teaching with respect to how we _____ our lives.
4. Reminds them, first, of who they _____. Who you think you are affects how you _____. You are _____ by God.
5. Act accordingly:
_____ is showing sensitivity to those who are in suffering or in need.
_____ is having a sweet disposition, or being thoughtful toward others
6. _____ is having a realistic view of self
7. _____ is being considerate of others
8. _____ is being long-suffering, self-restraining, enduring others

9. _____ is not holding a grudge.
10. Agape is a kind of love not _____ absent the love of _____ in us.
11. The expectation that we would love in the same manner that _____ loved us.
12. The way God _____ you would be the way you extend forgiveness to _____; and in the way you extend forgiveness to the world you are demonstrating God's _____ in its clearest form.
13. The world forgives _____.
14. Romans 5:8 - "while we were yet _____++++++_____." Even while the offense is _____ our forgiveness needs to begin.
15. 1Peter 3:18 - "Christ died once for all, the just for the _____"
16. 2Timothy 1:9 - "saved us - not according to our _____ but according to His own _____ and _____"
17. "Put on _____, which is the perfect bond of _____"
18. Love brings the _____ to perfection.
19. God's love is best demonstrated in how we treat _____.

20. "...let the _____ of Christ rule in your hearts"
21. Shalom means well-being and _____.
22. The church should not be ruled by the personal _____.
23. The church does not have _____ desires, but peace, contentment, and well-being in what God provides.
24. "Be thankful" fits with _____ and _____
25. Logos Christos means God's word in the _____ sense of Christ's instructions - of the recorded teachings of _____ in the New Testament.
26. Dwell is the difference between an _____ and a _____ to a house.
27. If the word of God is given its proper place in our hearts, it is a _____ presence and therefore is _____ over that home.
28. Bible study should not be an _____.
29. A person's name is _____ representation of the person
30. Do all these things with an awareness that what you are doing in the moment is as a _____ of Christ

31. In contrast to false teaching, focus: _____ and _____
Led to dis_____
Led to rules, enforcers, judgments and led to dis _____
32. Every group is called to be similarly self-_____, and to be _____ and content regardless of the _____.
33. A wife demonstrates her Christian walk most clearly when she _____ to the authority of her husband
34. A husband shows his Christian walk by _____ the wife.
35. Children show their Christian walk by _____.
36. Parents show their Christian walk by not making the child's obedience a _____ around their necks.
37. Slaves/workers present a witness to their faith by how they _____.
38. Don't worry about _____, _____
39. In responding to the world at large, be devoted to _____
40. Be _____ in it, looking for needs or opportunities for prayer

41. Carry an attitude of _____, looking for opportunities to praise God and give thanks
42. Let your speech be seasoned with _____, graciously, meaning to build relationships, and with grace, meaning with conversations about your faith.