



**Sermon Outline
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**Gratitude Needs
to Be a Verb!**

Gratitude is not merely an attitude or way of thinking...it has _____ on display..._____ that pour out. Gratitude has life _____.

What makes Christians different?

1. Where did we _____? **Psalm 139:13-14**
2. Knowing where you came from shapes your _____. **Romans 12:2**
3. You are _____ for God's purposes. **1 Peter 2:12**
4. You live in your calling even on the days when it _____. **John 15:18-19**
5. Your actions are different...perhaps even _____. **1 Peter 2:9**

The deepest place of transformation is an _____. The basis for the stewardship of our lives is the idea that we don't own anything but are active stewards of the resources that God has made available to us. In order to steward those resources properly there needs to be a consistent mind of gratitude for what God has provided.

Ephesians 4:28...

Let the thief no longer steal, but let him labor with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those who are in need.

This story is condensed into 3 major components.

1. A thief stops stealing.
2. He goes to work honestly.
3. He _____.

The journey of a thief...converted.

1. When you meet Jesus you know that you are _____.
2. A thief turned the impulse to steal into an effort of honest work.
3. He fosters in his spirit a desire to give.

Ephesians 4:17-24

¹⁷ So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. ¹⁹ Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

²⁰ That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Christians are _____. Which is what makes you the _____ of this earth and _____ to the world.

You are different...don't you ever forget that!