

IV. **TRUSTING** (5:18b)

*“giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,”* Ephesians 5:20

*“for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”* Philippians 2:13

*“Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.”* Psalm 37:5

*“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”* II Peter 3:9

*“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”* Romans 15:13

**MAKE THIS YOUR DAILY PRAYER**

*“Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth;  
Keep watch over the door of my lips.”* Psalm 141:3

**TONGUE PIERCED**  
**Developing An Attitude Of Gratitude**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

**A.** The words you speak every day will shape your life – positively or negatively. It’s up to each of us to decide whether the words we speak every day will lead to life, success and positive relationships or death, destruction and painful memories.

*“For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:”*

I Peter 3:10

**B.** Tongue Pierced will teach you how to choose your words wisely to create the life you want. During this spiritual growth campaign you will learn how the words you speak transform the life you live.

Oct 4	Kick Off Sunday
Oct 11	The Power Of Words
Oct 18	What Your Words Say About You
Oct 25	The Most Important Conversations You’ll Ever Have
Nov 1	The Art Of Cursing
Nov 8	The Language Of Love
Nov 15	Go Ahead – Talk To Yourself
TODAY	Developing An Attitude Of Gratitude
Nov 29	Mastering Confrontation & Conflict
Dec 6	Words That Last

Come and hear these messages and discover how the Bible can help you to be Tongue Pierced!

**C. TEXT:** I Thessalonians 5:16-18 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1160/New Testament)

## DEVELOPING AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

### I. REJOICING (5:16)

*“How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who complain against Me? I have heard the complaints which the children of Israel make against Me.”* Numbers 14:27

*“Do all things without complaining and disputing,”*  
Philippians 2:14

*“This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.”*  
Psalm 118:24

*“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!”*  
Philippians 4:4

*“... rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”*  
Luke 10:20b

### II. PRAYING (5:17)

*“for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’”* Acts 17:28

*“Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,”*  
Luke 18:1

*“6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;*

*7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”*  
Philippians 4:6-7

*“praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—“*  
Ephesians 6:18

### III. THANKSGIVING (5:18a)

*“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;”*  
Colossians 4:2

*“because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”*  
Romans 1:21

*“15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,  
16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.  
17 So Jesus answered and said, ‘Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?’”*  
Luke 17:15-17

*“15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.  
16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”*  
Hebrews 13:15-16