

Lesson 38
Speak Always With Grace

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- a. The word used by Paul “en Chariti” (with grace) means graciousness of manner or act especially the **Divine influence** upon the heart, and its reflection in the life.
- b. In order for the Divine influence to manifest in interpersonal communication, the believer must deeply comprehend his positional **blessedness** in Christ.
- c. If deeply comprehended, there will be a **cause and effect** relationship between the Divine influence in our heart and the words and attitudes which we communicate to others.

What are the hallmarks of Divine influence in the heart of the believer?

II. The Hallmarks of the Blessed Matt 5:3-9

Cause 1: **Poor in spirit**: This is one who has recognized his poverty in spiritual things and has allowed Christ to meet his need. Matt 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Effect 1: We understand that all men are spiritual beggars. Therefore, we must treat all men gently and with **patience** in our actions and words. 2 Tim 2:24-25 24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, 25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; KJV

Cause 2: **Mourn**: He has a deep sense of anguish for his own personal sin. 4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Effect 2: We do not judge others as **guiltier** than ourselves. We let that realization govern our tongues as well as our attitudes toward others.

Eph 4:29 9 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers . KJV

Cause 3: **Meekness**: He exhibits the meekness/servanthood of Christ who bestows it to the one who submits his will to Him. 5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Effect 3: As a servant of Christ we do not use words to attempt to **control** or to dominate others, but rather, use our words to minister to them. Col 3:12-13 So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. 13 Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. THE MESSAGE

Cause 4: **Righteousness**: He has a deep passion for personal righteousness. While he frequently comes up short, his model is ever Christ. Matt 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

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Effect 4: We know that others will **most often** misunderstand us and perhaps verbally abuse us, but we will not respond in kind. 1 Peter 2:23 Who, when he was reviled , reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: KJV

Cause 5: **Merciful**: He is characteristically and liberally merciful to others, just as he has obtained such mercy. Matt 5:7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Effect 5: There is no **harsh or critical** speech that emanates from our lips. Our tone of voice and non-verbal cues reassure others that they are loved and unconditionally accepted in spite of situational difficulties.

James 3:5-10 5 Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. 7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: 8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. KJV

Cause 6: **Pure in heart**: He has a moral being free from the contamination of unrepentant sin, and he does not hold divided interests or loyalties. He possesses God's pure nature.

Matt 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God KJV

Effect 6: We have no **hidden agendas** when we speak and we do not seek to obtain our own way through the use of guile and manipulation. Rev 14:5 5 And in their mouth was found no guile : for they are without fault before the throne of God.KJV

Cause 7: **Peacemaker**: As God is "the God of peace" (Heb 13:20) and Christ is "Prince of Peace" (Isa 9:6), he is a peacemaker in this life because he is a partaker of God's nature. Matt 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Effect 7: We are aware of how others are responding to our words. To the extent it lies within us to seek peace with them rather than to pursue rancor and contention, we **choose** our words in order to achieve peace. Rom 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. KJV

III. Application

The words that we choose reflect our **thinking**.

The tone of voice we use reflects our **feeling**.

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