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 - Three ways you can demonstrate thankfulness to them:
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 - We are to _____ as Jesus responded to evil, both to those inside the church and those outside the church (vs. 15).
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 - Be a people who want more constant _____ with the Lord (...pray without ceasing...")
 - Be a people who grow in _____ to the Lord no matter what life throws at you (give thanks in all circumstances...")
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