

**CHRIST'S WORD**  
**AND THANKSGIVING**  
**Colossians 3:16**

**We should engage Christ's words with thanksgiving**

**I. WELCOME THE WORD**

A. THE SUBJECT: The word of Christ

1. Words about Christ - See for example Philippians 2:5-11
2. Words from Christ: His teachings and expectations

B. THE COMMAND

1. Let it dwell > A permanent affect
  - a. Giving it residence: Welcoming it with eager anticipation as a permanent resident
  - b. Giving it opportunity and priority
2. Let it dwell richly > A powerful affect
  - a. Permeating every thought, word and deed
  - b. Rooted in and oozing out of you
3. Let it dwell richly within you > A personal affect

**II. SHARE THE WORD**

A. HELPFULLY: Teaching and admonishing

1. Teaching: Positive instruction intended to provide direction for living the Christian life  
- For example see Colossians 3:18-4:1 and 4:6-7
2. Admonishing: Warning others about errant beliefs and/or sinful behaviors and brothers  
- See Colossians 2:16-23, Galatians 2:11-14 and II Thessalonians 3:14-15

B. SKILLFULLY: With wisdom

1. The trait: Having become adept in knowing and applying God's Word
2. The timing: Able to discern when, where and how to interact with another

C. CORPORATELY: With one another

1. This is a mutual responsibility within the membership - See I Thess. 5:14
2. Valuable interaction is needed - See I Corinthians 14:26 & 31

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### III. SING THE WORD

#### A. SING BECAUSE SINGING COMMUNICATES

1. It is expressive: "Singing is spiritual recreation" [T. Croskery, p. 177, Pulpit Comm.]
2. It is memorable: Music makes truths more memorable

#### B. SING WITH A VARIETY OF SONGS

1. Psalms: Old Testament truths especially focused on God
2. Hymns: New Testament truths indicating newer elements of truth not previously revealed
3. Spiritual songs: Especially oriented toward spiritual matters and not just the praise of the Godhead

#### C. SING WITH AN ATTITUDE OF THANKSGIVING

- With thankfulness in your hearts

#### D. SING FOR AN AUDIENCE OF ONE!

- To God

### CONCLUSION:

#### **We should welcome, share and sing Christ's words ...**

- Being thankful we can have it dwelling in us
- Being grateful we can freely share it with others
- Being joyful in its musical expressions