

COLOSSIANS

Proclaiming the
Supremacy of Christ

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Colossians 4:2–6

PRAYER AND PUBLIC WITNESS

1. Commit yourself to prayer (v.2)
 - Prayer should be a standard part of every Christian's life.
 - Prayer requires alertness. Boredom, sleepiness, and distraction are constant dangers.
 - Prayer is fueled by thankfulness.

“For my own part I tend to find the doctrinal books often more helpful in devotion than the devotional books, and I rather suspect that the same experience may await many others. I believe that many who find that ‘nothing happens’ when they sit down, or kneel down, to a book of devotion, would find that the heart sings unbidden while they are working their way through a tough bit of theology with a pipe in their teeth and a pencil in their hand.”

- C. S. Lewis, “On the Reading of Old Books”

PRAYER AND PUBLIC WITNESS

1. Commit yourself to prayer (v.2)
2. Pray for those who preach the gospel (v.3-4)
3. Be intentional in your relationships with those who don't believe in Jesus (v.5-6)
 - Be wise in your interactions with non-Christians.
 - Season your speech with the grace of Christ so that it will be attractive to non-Christians.
 - Each person deserves a personalized response based on their unique situation