

Paul's Appeal for Prayer and Wise Living

Colossians 4:2-6

I. The Background of the Church at Colossae:

- A. Written from prison; one of four known prison epistles.
- B. Epaphras traveled to inform Paul of the church's health. *—Eph 4:12*
- C. Paul's letter was to be shared. It is for _____ believers. *—Eph 4:16*

II. Paul's Tutorial on Prayer: (2)

- A. All believers are to pray with a _____ mindset. *—Luke 18*
- B. All _____ are to pray with vigilance. *—Eph 6:10-20*
- C. All believers are to pray with hearts full of _____. *—Col 1:9-14*

III. Paul's Request that the Church Pray _____ for His Ministry's Needs: (3-4)

- A. For _____ for the word. *—1 Cor 16:9; 2 Cor 2:12; Isa 55:10-11*
- B. For the revelation of the mystery of the gospel. *—Col 1:26; Heb 11:34-40*
- C. For effectiveness through boldness and _____. *—Col 1:25*

IV. Paul's Admonishment for Wise Living Among Outsiders: (5-6)

- A. Believers' lifestyles should be _____ from the outsider's. *—Rom 12:9-21*
- B. Believers' interactions with outsiders are _____. *—Eph 5:16*
- C. Believers' words should be _____ and preservative. *—Eph 4:29; Prov 27:6*
- D. Believers' _____ should be catered to the _____ circumstance. *—1 Pet 3:15; Jn 4:7-30, Luke 10:17-30*

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Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ 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— ⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

⁵ Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.