

## Praying & Speaking

Colossians 4:2-6

### The Work of Speaking - Colossians 4:2-6

#### The Way we Pray - Colossians 4:2

**Summary:** Pray persistently—it's good for the soul. Pray about all sorts of things, it's a good reminder that you are not in control. Make prayer a central thing so it doesn't become an add on.

Start prayer with thankfulness, blend in thankfulness and end with thankfulness, just so you don't forget to be thankful.

#### Who we Pray for - Colossians 4:3-4

**Summary:** The faith that Christianity espouses speaks into the chaos of our present world such that people have their eyes opened and their hearts transformed. This should be our constant prayer and the object of our spiritual eyes.

#### What we Say in Public - Colossians 4:5

**Summary:** Wisdom is something that comes from outside of ourselves, not something that flows from inside out—we must be trained in wisdom. Then we can "conduct ourselves wisely" towards outsiders.

What I do with my time matters and what I do with my spare time matters more than I think.

#### Choosing our Words Carefully - Colossians 4:6

**Summary:** Don't let the medium get in the way of the message.

**Conclusion:** Our walk talks and our talk talks but it is best that they compliment each other for the sake of the gospel and the reputation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (James 3:9-12)

Continue steadfastly in prayer is modified with "being watchful", "with thanksgiving" and "pray for us". Those three things can guide our prayer life.

There is little doubt that God opens doors for believers to 'declare the mystery of Christ', the only question is do we 'boldly declare Christ' at that moment. Paul is asking for prayer for that purpose.

If we don't faithfully pray our efforts in the world outside of the household of faith will be weak and our words will be poorly chosen. Prayer always precedes evangelism; evangelism stands on the shoulders of those who pray.