

Praying about the gospel

Colossians 4:2-4 (Part 1 of 2)

- I. Pray as a lifestyle (Colossians 4:2).
 - A. Devoted – Commitment to prayer (Romans 12:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)
 - Do we prioritize prayer according to biblical priorities?
 - Do we pray consistently?
 - B. Watchful/Alert – The seriousness of prayer
 - Do we pray alert to spiritual dangers (Ephesians 6:18; 1 Peter 5:8).
 - C. Thankful – Gratitude in prayer
 - Do we thankfully accept God’s timing and pray expecting God to do something good?

- II. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel courageously (Colossians 4:3).
 - A. Open door – Recognizing that God arranges every opportunity for the gospel (Ephesians 6:18)
 - B. Chains – Understanding that the gospel is worth suffering for (courage – Ephesians 6:19-20)

- III. Pray for the gospel to be clear (Colossians 4:4).
 - A. We need God to help us make the gospel clear (Ephesians 6:18).
 - B. We need God to clear the understanding of those with whom we share the gospel.