A PRAYING, PROCLAIMING CHURCH

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I. Commit to pray for the church to be mature and multiplying (Colossians 4:2-4).

   A. Maturity: Pray continually that we would be spiritually alert and grateful (4:2; Ephesians 6:18).

   B. Multiplying: Pray that we would be effective in sharing the gospel (4:3-4).
      1. Pray for opportunities realizing God uses our most difficult circumstances (3; Philippians 1:12-18).

      2. Pray for clarity and courage as we share the gospel (4; Ephesians 6:19-20).

II. Commit to live in such a way that unbelievers are attracted to the gospel (Colossians 4:5-6).

   A. Our actions: How we live in an unbelieving world creates or prevents opportunities to share Christ (5).

   B. Our conversations: Gracious words reveal our attitude toward unbelievers who need Christ (6; 1 Peter 3:15).