



Lesson Twelve: Colossians 4:2-6

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4 ² 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.

Table Discussion Questions

1. What is your attitude about a Christian's ability to influence the world? Are you optimistic or pessimistic? How does this passage challenge both perspectives?
2. Why is prayer a prerequisite for us to influence the world? How does this reinforce a biblical view of God?
3. Read Colossians 4:3. What does Paul ask his readers to pray for? Why is this a vital but "risky" prayer request?
4. What are some settings or relationships in your life where you could pray for God to "open a door" for you to share the gospel? Take some time to pray for those things as a group.
5. Read Colossians 4:5-6. Imagine you really took Paul's charge to "walk in wisdom towards outsiders" to heart today. How might this change your schedule? How might this change your conversations?