

## Practical Preparations for Evangelism

Colossians 4:2-6

As believers in Jesus Christ, our purpose is rooted in His Great Commission (Matthew 28:18–20). The command to share the gospel by making disciples of all nations was given at Christ’s departure, it was the last command He left to us and this command should remain the central priority of our lives. Yet this is not the whole story—not only does God instruct us of the necessity for proclaiming the good news, but He provides guidance on how to prepare ourselves to share it effectively.

**I. A Command to Continue in Earnest Prayer:**

- *How? By Being Vigilant:*
- *How? With Thanksgiving:*

**II. A Need for Intercession:**

- *Intercession, why? For Opportunity*
- *Intercession, how? In Clarity/Boldness...Speaking as he ought*

**III. A Command to Walk in Wisdom toward Outsiders:**

- *Walking in Wisdom, why? For Opportunity*
- *Walking in Wisdom, how? By Graciously Speaking Grace*
- *Walking in Wisdom, for what purpose? So you will know how you ought to answer*

## Digging Deeper

What does your prayer life look like today? Is anything on your heart keeping you from drawing closer to God? The Bible tells us that if we confess our sins to God, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). As believers, every sin—past, present, and future—has been paid at the cross and accredited to us. Yet while sin no longer brings eternal condemnation for the believer, it still carries consequences in this life. One such consequence is that it will ruin your ability to enjoy your relationship with your heavenly Father – but He has provided a way to mend that fellowship with Him! Confess your sins, draw close to Him and He will draw close to you.

Do you remain alert in your prayer life? Are you keeping watch for things from the outside that can inhibit that ability to talk to the Father? Do you find it challenging to balance this with a thankful heart? If so, go back through Colossians and read through all of the wonderful blessings we have available to us as believers in Jesus Christ!

A motivation to us in our intercession for non-believers is Christ-like love. Do you find your love for the lost lacking? Have you asked the Father to grow this love in you? Think about what all God has done for you...did you deserve His Grace? Pray that the Father would deepen your understanding of His love for you, so that His love might overflow through you to others. We can always go deeper in His grace.

Have you shared the good news of Jesus Christ with someone lately? If not, will you ask the Lord to open doors of opportunity? Pray for guidance, for graciousness in your actions and in how you speak—but also be willing to take a step of faith. Have you asked someone to pray for you lately?

Sharing the gospel is a privilege not a punishment. What might you truly have to lose...and what eternal joy might be gained?