

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (Colossians 4:2-6)

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. What does it look like to “Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”
What does it look like to be watchful in prayer, why is it important, and how does it help us to pray more fervently?
What role does thanksgiving play in our prayer lives, and how does the Gospel drive us to gratitude?
3. How do your prayer requests compare with the Apostle Paul’s prayer request recorded in verses 3-4?
When faced with hardships, do you pray for the Lord to open doors for The Word, or to open the doors of your “prison cell”?
(i.e. are you more focussed on the Lord delivering you from your trials or using you for His glory in the midst of your trials?)
4. How do verses 5 & 6 correlate with verses 2-4?
Based upon these two verses, what is the clear assumption (or expectation) for believers regarding how to live in this world?
What do we need to be able to walk in wisdom toward outsiders and how does this cause us to make the best use of the time?
5. According to verse 6 why are we to “let [our] speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt”?
How is your speech? Would those who know you outside (& even inside) of the church say your speech is always gracious?
What is the process by which we come to understand others in order to be able to give an answer to each person, respectively?
6. How is the following statement evident in Colossians 4:2-6?
“We need to prioritize Christ in our lives with the time He’s given us here!”
Specifically, how does our prayer life and our interaction with outsiders indicate what we prioritize in our lives?
How can we better prioritize Christ in our lives - specifically in prayer & our interactions with those outside of the church?
7. Below are the “Today’s Takeaways” from the end of the sermon.
Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, and if so, how?
Prioritize Christ with the time He’s given you:
 1. Continue steadfastly in prayer with thanksgiving!
 2. Pray for open doors & boldness to proclaim God’s Word!
 3. Make the best use of your time & walk in godly wisdom!
 4. Speak graciously in light of the grace you’ve received!
 5. Seek to understand others so you can answer them well!