

Communion Meditation – Colossians

Colossians 4.2-6

“Pray, Walk, Talk”

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v2 ~ The Manner of Prayer

- Three inferences c/prayer from this text
 1. “earnest” ~ Prayer is important, “reporting for duty”, keeps us anchored
 2. “vigilance” ~ Don’t be distracted, “doing your duty”, basics of our lives
 3. “thanksgiving” ~ Guard against discontent, remember what you have

v3 ~ The Object of Prayer

- “praying also for us” ~ Paul presumes primary prayers are for themselves
 - We all should have prayers that are uppermost in our minds and hearts
 - My prayers are not your prayers / “What has God put on your heart?”
 - What Paul wanted was for God to “open to us a door”
 - But he also reminded them that he was “in chains”
 - v4 ~ He asked their encouragement to speak as he “ought to speak”
- We are to pray for 1) ourselves and for 2) others

v5 ~ Live Purposefully

- “Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside”
 - “What are these people outside of?” / Everything that truly matters
- “redeeming the time”
 - We live in a profligate time / a sensuous time / a self-indulgent time
 - We may presume that we rise above such temptations / “But do we?”
 - But the true test these days is in how we use our time
 - Past cultures worked much harder / How do we use our “free” time
 - “Do our pastimes reflect God’s goal and purpose for our lives?”

v6 ~ Speak Thoughtfully

- Those that are “outside” can be our enemies
- But remember what Paul told Timothy
 - That “they have been taken captive by Satan to do his will”
 - One of our life goals should be breaking people out of prison
- “How are we to do this?”
 - Simply by answering their questions / “answer each one”

Pray ~ Walk ~ Talk / Such should describe our daily lives in Christ