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Colossians 4:2-6

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2 *Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.*

- *“Devote yourselves to prayer...”* (NASB)
 - determined to pray and determined in prayer
- Pray about the dangers you face
 - *“Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation”* Mt. 26:41
- Be thankful
 - Nurture an attitude of gratitude (1:3, 12; 2:7; 3:15, 16, 17)

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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—*

- While you're praying...
- Pray for others
- Pray for opportunities for the word

“the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints” (1:26)

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4 *that I may **make it clear**, which is **how I ought to speak***

- Not “make me eloquent” or “entertaining”
- But that I may make “*the word*” easily understood
- The power to save is in the message

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.” (Rom. 1:16)

- The messenger has the duty to “*make it clear*”

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6 *Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*

- Applies to both what we speak and how we speak
“speak the truth in love” (Eph. 5:17)
- Pleasant and preserving
 - *‘Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.’* (Eph. 4:29)
- And that will take PRIVATE PREPARATION...

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