

PRAYING LIKE PAUL

PLP-34 "Prayer For Boldness & Clarity"

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EPH 6:19-20 "[Praying] also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak."

To accomplish his mission, Paul also knew he needed more than his own strength, more than his fortitude, even more that his personal anointing... He needed the prayers of others!

➤ **6:18** "...praying [conversation with God] at all times in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and supplication [pouring-out the heart]. To that end, keep alert [on guard] with all perseverance [continued endurance] making supplication for all the saints, and [Praying] also for me... so that words may be given..."

➤ **THAT Words may be given...** - For God to freely give me the words... We can be assured that Paul knew how to preach... and he certainly was "bold"... so then why is he asking THIS? **May Be...** [the Mood of potentiality] Paul knew there was no "guarantee" that he could just "get up there and preach" and end up saying what GOD wanted said... "God, give me words..."

He wants the "right words" ... words that will break-down barriers, be received, and open hearts to the Gospel...

➤ **Opening my mouth boldly...** **THAT I may declare it boldly...** **confidence** to have the words and ability to speak freely... **Proclaim...** - used of a teacher who **unfolds divine things** / **reveal...** **Declare...** - to speak **without restraint**

People may not understand the speech we use in **preaching** or **witnessing** (Christian-ese) ... we WANT to speak with **clarity** and **confidence**... but not **intimidation** ... **TRUTH needs to be HEARD!**

➤ **The "mystery" of the Gospel...** Jew and Gentile have been brought into ONE Body by faith in the "completed work" of Jesus Christ But people don't understand it... NOR how that could be true...

➤ **As I ought to speak [as is necessary]** What **needs** to be said... what is **required** to **communicate effectively and efficiently** to the ones whom the Lord would "open their hearts to hear" ...

ACTS 16:14-15 One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. **The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.**

¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well...

COL 4:3-4 "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."

➤ **THAT God may open a door for the Word...** - Paul depended on God to "open or close doors" - to grant the opportunity [REV 3:7-8 ; ACTS 14:27; 1 COR 16:9; There may be opponents [1 THESS 2:17-18] but God will "make a new way to accomplish the goal"]

➤ **To declare the mystery of Christ...** - to freely explain the grace of The Gospel to both Jew and Gentile

➤ **THAT I MAY make it clear...** [Make it **conspicuous** ... to be **readily seen** so that it can be understood] The message must be made **apparent** / **manifest** / **easily seen** and **revealed** so that people know **what** they are hearing and **why** it matters...

➤ **As I ought to speak [as is necessary]** - What **needs** to be said... what is **required** to communicate efficiently to the hearers...

Paul knew his own prayers were essential... BUT he needed others to **join with him...** EVEN THOUGH they may not know **where** he was nor **what** exactly he needed to say... **Preachers Need Prayer!**