

## How to Speak Your Life for the Glory of God

Colossians 4:2-6

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### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

#### Colossians 4:2-6 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

<sup>3</sup> 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—

<sup>4</sup> that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

<sup>5</sup> Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.

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

### MAIN THEME

In a world that is broken and filled with spiritual darkness, God calls his people to live with urgency and purpose. We are not saved to drift, stay silent, or blend in—we are saved to make a difference.

In Colossians 4:2-6, Paul shows us how to do that. It begins with a life devoted to prayer—persistent, watchful, and filled with gratitude. Prayer is not a luxury for the believer; it is the power behind everything God calls us to do.

From there, Paul moves outward. We are to pray for open doors for the gospel and then walk in wisdom toward those who do not yet know Christ. Our lives and our words are meant to work together—our character giving credibility to our message.

Ultimately, God calls us to “speak our lives” for his glory—to use both our words and our actions to help others see the richness of Christ. The time is now. The days are evil. And God has placed each of us exactly where we are to make an eternal difference.

### DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

#### 1. Devote Yourself to Prayer

Colossians 4:2; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:17

- What does it look like to be “steadfast” or persistently devoted in prayer?



- Why is prayer essential—not optional—for the Christian life?
- What tends to distract you or pull you away from consistent prayer?
- How can you build a daily rhythm of prayer into your life?

## 2. Stay Alert and Pray with Gratitude

Colossians 4:2; Nehemiah 2:4–5; Romans 8:28

- What does it mean to be “watchful” in prayer?
- How can spiritual distraction affect the way we pray?
- Why is gratitude such an important part of prayer?
- How does thanking God—even in difficulty—reshape your perspective?

## 3. Pray for Gospel Opportunities

Colossians 4:3–4; Matthew 9:37–38; Acts 4:29–31

- Why did Paul ask for prayer for opportunity rather than comfort?
- What does it mean to pray for “open doors” for the gospel?
- Who has God already placed in your life that needs to hear about Christ?
- How can you begin praying specifically for people by name?

## 4. Walk Wisely and Speak with Grace

Colossians 4:5–6; Ephesians 5:15–16; Proverbs 16:24

- What does it mean to “make the best use of the time”?
- How does your daily life either support or undermine your words?
- What does gracious, “salt-seasoned” speech sound like in real life?
- How can you be more intentional with your words this week?

## 5. Speak Your Life for God’s Glory

Colossians 4:2–6; Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 3:15

- What does it mean to “speak your life,” not just your words?
- Why do actions give credibility to the message of the gospel?
- Where has God placed you to have influence right now?
- What is one step you can take this week to point someone to Christ?

### PRAY

Dear Lord, thank you for calling us to live with purpose in a world that desperately needs you. Forgive us for the times we drift, stay silent, or waste the opportunities you have given us. Teach us to devote ourselves to prayer—to be persistent, watchful, and grateful in every season. Open doors for the gospel, and give us the courage to walk through them. Shape our lives so that our words carry weight and reflect your truth and grace. Help us to be available, faithful, and bold as we speak our lives for your glory. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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For further study this week:

- Ephesians 6:18 — Praying at all times in the Spirit
- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 — Pray without ceasing
- Nehemiah 2:4-5 — Prayer in the moment
- Matthew 5:16 — Let your light shine before others
- 1 Peter 3:15 — Being ready to give an answer

#### NEXT WEEK'S BIG IDEA

Colossians 4:7-18

Be devoted to each other

