

COLOSSIANS AND PHILEMON

"Watch and Pray"

Colossians 4:2-6

Lesson 10

- Intro. 1. After Paul had completed instructions regarding relationships in Ephesians, and after urging the Ephesians to put on the "whole armor of God," what did he encourage them to do (6:18)?
2. Compare this with the final instructions to the Colossians in the verses we are studying.

I. Prayer

1. What is Paul's instruction concerning prayer?
How do the following verses express this admonition?
 - a. Luke 18:1
 - b. Acts 1:14
 - c. Acts 2:42
 - d. Acts 6:4
 - e. Romans 12:12
 - f. I Thessalonians 5:17
2. What have we already seen *in Colossians* about Paul's practice of such prayer?
3. Where was Paul when he wrote this letter? What was his situation?
Yet, what two things did he ask them to request in prayer for him?
 - a.
 - b.
4. How would prayer help them face the errors surrounding them both in and out of the church?

II. Vigilance

1. Find some other people who were urged to be vigilant and give the references.
2. How does this fit with prayer?

III. Thanksgiving

1. With a concordance go back and find the occurrence of *thank, thankful, thanksgiving* in Colossians.
2. What importance would this have in resisting the error around them?

IV. "Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time."

1. Where do non-Christians obtain their impressions of Christianity?
2. What are some things they must see in us if we are to "redeem the time" or take advantage of our opportunities?
3. What things are unwise in our relationships with "them that are without" (see I Cor. 9:19-23)?

V. "Speech always with grace, seasoned with salt."

"Speak pleasantly to them, but never sentimentally" (Letters to Young Churches - J.B. Phillips)

1. What does speaking with grace suggest?
2. What does "seasoned with salt" mean?
3. How is this said in Eph. 4:29?
4. How will this affect our response to those who ask questions (See also I Pet. 3:15)