

We should be A-PAUL-ING!!!



CONTINUE **STEADFASTLY**
IN PRAYER
BEING WATCHFUL IN IT
WITH THANKSGIVING.

Colossians background:

Chapter 1—The gospel is what is important, and they have the gospel

Chapter 2—Other things (rules, religion, celebrations) are less important

Chapter 3—Guidelines for behavior within the church and family

Chapter 4—Guidelines for behavior when interacting with people who are not part of the church

Colossians 4:2-6 (NIV): “² Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”

PRAY for those who are proclaiming the gospel

Pastor Kerry, CCF’s elders and deacons, CCF’s music team, CCF’s missionaries

ADD your own voice

Put yourself “out there!” Paul fully assumes you will be interacting with outsiders

Jesus wanted that, too. John 17:11, 15, 18, Matthew 28:19

What opportunities do you have to interact with “outsiders”?

UNDERSTAND what you are proclaiming

This is the gospel (= “good news!”)

Colossians 1:23, 2:13-15

Tell your story! Write out and practice talking about how this gospel has changed you!

LISTEN to Paul’s advice

Make the most of *every* opportunity

Matthew 25:14-30

The gospel is *full* of grace! For the “outsiders” and for you!

1 Corinthians 2:1-4

2 Corinthians 12:9

Have your words “seasoned with salt”

Proverbs 16:34

“If you don’t have anything nice to say, don’t say anything at all” ???

Acts 18:24-28

Matthew 18:15

2 Timothy 4:1-5

“Know how to answer everyone”

1 Peter 3:15-16.

You are not expected to know everything –John 9:25,

Job 38, 39 and 40

We ~~are expected~~ **COMMANDED** to be wise with careful words, and to be “out there” describing this beautiful gospel!