

Lesson 13 - Final Instructions

I. Colossians 4:2-6

A. Introduction

This final paragraph of instruction deals with prayer, evangelism, and ministry. These are all tied together as you cannot have the true strength for evangelism and ministry without a good prayer life.

Verses 7 to the end of the book are personal greetings between Paul and his personal friends acquaintances, and brethren. We will not spend a lot of time in this section, but will make a few observations

B. Terms and Concepts

1. **Wisdom** - Wisdom is a combination of sound knowledge, understanding, discernment, and the skill to put it to practice in a way that honors God. According to the Biblical perspective, wisdom comes ultimately from knowing God. (Prov 1:7; 9:10; James 1:5)
2. **Outsiders** - Outsiders are simply those who have not yet obeyed the Gospel. Because they have not obeyed the Gospel, they are "outside" of Christ and therefore outside of the body of Christ, even though they may have friendship with those within the body.

II. You, God, and the World Around You:

A. _____ yourselves to prayer

1. Keep _____ in it with an attitude of thanksgiving
2. Praying at the same time for _____
3. The nature of your prayer life:
 - a. How does being alert relate to being "devoted" to prayer?
 - b. Is it possible to be devoted to prayer if you are a very busy person? How?
 - c. What is your plan for being "devoted" to prayer?

B. Pray that God will open up a door for the _____

1. According to this, what should your prayer life include?
2. Who can you be praying about that has not obeyed the Gospel? What can you pray for concerning that person/people?

C. Conduct yourself with _____ toward outsiders, making the most of every opportunity

1. In what way(s) can/do you make the most of every opportunity?
2. How do you struggle with conducting yourself with wisdom toward outsiders?
3. What are some ways you can grow in wisdom?

D. Let your speech always be with grace



1. Seasoned with salt
 - a. Reflect on the nature of salt. What does salt do in the right amount?
 - b. What does the idea of speech seasoned with salt suggest to you?
2. How is your speech to be transformed?

III. Final Review

- A. From everything you have studied so far, in your own words, describe what the nature of your relationship is to be with God.

- B. What is to be the nature of your relationship with your brethren in Christ?

- C. What is to be the nature of your relationship with the world around you?

- D. What changes (emotionally, intellectually, socially, relationally, etc.) have come about in your life since becoming a Christian? What are some that you struggle with?

- E. What regular practices will help you to continue to grow spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, socially, relationally? What practices help you to draw closer to God.