



Sunday, November 26, 2023

Alta Vista Baptist Church

## Colossians 4:2-6



“Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” – Colossians 4:6

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### 1) Prayer is \_\_\_\_\_ . (vs. 2)

- Be Persistent
- Be Watchful
- Be Thankful

“Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

“Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.” – Ephesians 6:18

### 2) Three \_\_\_\_\_ for Believers. (vs. 3-4)

- For the Storm Troopers (*John Piper*)
- For Open Doors (and your open heart!)
- For the Mystery of Christ to be Made Plain

“The mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.” – Colossians 1:26-27 (2:1-4)

### 3) Personal Engagement is \_\_\_\_\_ . (vs. 5-6)

- Be Wise in your Speech
- Be Wise in your Surroundings
  - Be Gracious
  - Be Seasoned with Salt
  - Be Ready

“Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves.” – Matthew 10:16

“Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master. Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you’re living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy.” – 1 Peter 3:15-16a (MSG)



### DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

**Q1:** Share about a time you shared the gospel with someone else. What happened?

**Q2:** In what ways have you been tempted to be a bystander when it comes to engaging the world with the gospel?

**Q3:** What do you think the word “watchful” (vs. 2) means? What might this look like in practice in your prayer life?

**Q4:** Read Luke 18:1-8. Why is persistence in prayer so important to furthering the spread of the gospel among people around us?

**Q5:** Why is wisdom in speech important for our evangelistic efforts? What are some ways we might entangle our gospel presentation with our own biases or experiences and not make it clear?

**Q6:** Read Ephesians 5:15-17. Do you have the kind of relationships that allow you to have conversations about the gospel? How will you “make the most of every opportunity?”

**Q7:** Who will you commit to pray for that the Holy Spirit would give you opportunity to have gracious conversation with about the gospel?

Write their name here: \_\_\_\_\_