

## Colossians 4:2-18 - Prayer, Evangelism, and Ministry

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Mark 1:35      1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Hebrews 4:16      John 15:7&16

#### Pointers on Prayer:

- Prayer is simply \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- Prayer should be \_\_\_\_\_
- Prayer should be without \_\_\_\_\_
- It's both an \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_
- Prayer accomplishes God's will (not necessarily our will), and His will is synonymous with \_\_\_\_\_
- Prayer should be \_\_\_\_\_

#### Four Ways to Be the Light

- 1) Walk in \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Look for \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. *Ephesians 4:15*
- 4) Know \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_

### Verses 7-18 Paul's Co-Laborers and Friends

Philemon 1:23      Colossians 4:12      2 Timothy 4:10

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- Fulfill your \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Pointers on Prayer:

- Prayer is simply TALKING to GOD
- Prayer should be PRIORITIZED
- Prayer should be without CEASING
- It's both an INVITATION and a COMMAND
- Prayer accomplishes God's will (not necessarily our will), and His will is synonymous with HIS BEST
- Prayer should be SPECIFIC

#### Four Ways to Be the Light

- 1) Walk in OBEDIENCE
- 2) Look for OPPORTUNITIES
- 3) Be GRACIOUS and SALTY. *Ephesians 4:15*
- 4) Know WHY you BELIEVE

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- Guard your heart by continually PURSUING Jesus.
- Fulfill your MINISTRY

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## PRAYER

11) This week's homework is intentionally shorter to give you more time to pray - both individually (as you prepare for Life Group), and communally during your Life Group.

Here are some ideas to help group prayer time be better:

- Try not to worry about how others might think of you. You are praying to God, not to the people around you.
- Before beginning, choose a person to "open" and another person to "close" in prayer.
- When you pray, pray for one or two things or people at a time, then let someone else pray before praying again.
- You should be *encouraged*, but not *forced* to pray in your group.

**Colossians 4:2** - "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;"

Prayer Requests:

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## Life Group Homework For the week of November 12, 2023

### MY STORY

- 1) How has your understanding of prayer changed as you have grown in the Lord?
- 2) Was there an apologetics question or "hurdle" you struggled with before becoming a Christian? If so, what was it? (i.e. Evidence for God, How can we trust the Bible, Why do "good" people suffer, etc)

### QUICK REVIEW

- 3) Which verse was most meaningful or interesting to you in Colossians 4:2-18, and why?
- 4) Thinking back to this week's message, did anything surprise you, confuse you, or encourage you?

### DIGGING DEEPER

- 5) 1 Peter 3:15-16 says - "[15] But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; [16] having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed."

If somebody asked you why you believe in Jesus, how would you answer? What evidence would you use?

6) What do each of the following passages teach you about prayer and/or God?

**1 John 5:14-15** - "[14] Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. [15] And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."

**Romans 8:26** - "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

**James 4:3** - "You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures."

**Jude 1:20** - "But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,"

**2 Corinthians 12:8-10** - "[8] Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. [9] And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. [10] Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

**Matthew 6:6-8** - "[6] "But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. [7] "And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. [8] "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him."

Which of these ideas or passages do you most need to apply to your prayer life?

What can you do this week to put this into practice?

7) What habits help you maintain an attitude of thankfulness towards God?

8) What helps you stay focused (not distracted) in prayer?

9) There are many excellent quotes by faithful Christians about prayer. If possible, write down a favorite quote or idea to share about prayer.

10) What do you most need to remember or put into practice from this week's message or homework?