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WATCH, PRAY, WALK, & TALK

(Colossians 4:2 - 6)

1. (v2 - 4) WATCH & PRAY

- 1) (v2) **“Continue earnestly in prayer”**
Other admonitions: (Ephesians 6:18; Luke 18:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- 2) (v2) **“Being vigilant in it” (KJV “watching therein”)**
It means to “be alert” or “stay awake,” “watching” for opportunities to pray.
- 3) (v2) **“With thanksgiving”** - He says it 6 times: (1:3 v12; 2:7; 3:15, v17; 4:2)
Paul is (v3) “in chains,” and he exhorts to be “thankful.”
- 4) (v3) **Pray with a purpose:**
 - (v3) **“Meanwhile praying also for us”** - pray specifically for someone!
“That God would open to us a door” - pray for opportunity! **“a door”**
(Acts 14:27) “He had opened a door” (1 Corinthians 16:9) “a great and effective door has opened” (2 Cor. 2:12) “a door was opened to me”
 - “For the word”** - (2 Timothy 2:9) “for which I suffer as an evil-doer, even to the point of chains, but the word of God is not chained.”
(2 Timothy 4:2, v13, v16; 6:3)
 - “To speak the mystery of Christ”** - what is the “mystery”?
(Ephesians 3:3-7; Colossians 1:26-27) - the gospel is for all.
 - “That I make it manifest, as I ought to speak”** - is the prayer of every preacher.
(Ephesians 6:19-20) “that I may speak boldly”
Make the message plain; to “manifest” it and make it seen or understood.

2. (v5 - 6) OUR ACTION “TOWARD THOSE WHO ARE OUTSIDE”

- 1) (v5) **“Walk in wisdom”**
“Walk” - refers to our manner of conduct day by day, and it is a reminder that how we live affects the credibility of the words we say.
“Toward those who are outside” - they will watch us to see if we “walk the talk.”
- 2) **“Redeeming the time”** - think of time as a purchase to be treasured. (Eph. 5:15-17)
- 3) (v6) **“Let your speech always be”** - there’s a right walk and a right talk.
“With grace” - benevolent; helpful; uplifting; encouraging.
“Seasoned with salt” - make your speech tasty, desirable, enjoyable for others.
- 4) **“That you may know how you ought to answer each one”** - (1 Peter 3:15)