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Fostering spiritual disciplines for our flourishing

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Colossians 4:2-6

² Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison -4 that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

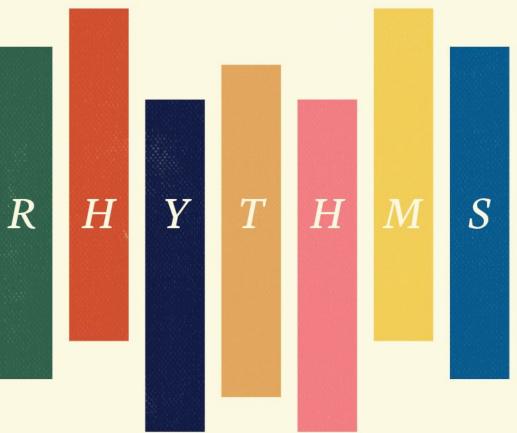
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⁵ Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasons with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

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<u>Watch therefore</u>, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Matthew 25:13 ESV 다

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<u>Watch and pray</u> that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Matthew 26:41 ESV 다

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³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of truth, the gospel,

Colossians 1:3-8 ESV ርጎ

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⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing – as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf

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⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

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⁵ Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, ⁶ who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. ⁷ For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles.

3 John 5-8 ESV []

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⁸ <u>Therefore we ought to support people like</u> <u>these, that we may be fellow workers for the</u> <u>truth</u>.

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A call generally starts in the form of a consciousness within one's own spirit, an awareness of a kind of pressure being brought to bear upon one's spirit, some disturbance in the realm of the spirit, then that your mind is being directed to the whole question of preaching. You have not thought of it deliberately, you have not sat down in cold blood to consider possibilities, and then, having looked at several have decided to take this up. It is not that.

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This is something that happens to you; it is God dealing with you, and God acting upon you by His Spirit; it is something you become aware of rather than what you do. It is thrust upon you, it is presented to you and almost forced upon you constantly in this way.

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¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

Ephesians 6:18-20 ESV []

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²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counsellors there is safety.

Proverbs 11:14 ESV ርጎ

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The new convert, typically, is urgent, but can lack tact and discretion. The older Christian has the wisdom of experience, but often lacks boldness and importunity.

