

# CONTINUING IN PRAYER AND WISDOM

## *The Believer's Personal Life*

(Colossians 4:2–6)

### WHAT IS TRUE, AND WHAT SHOULD CHRISTIANS DO?

The Christian Believers' confession that Jesus is Lord of all must be demonstrated in daily life, are you devoted to prayer and acting wisely?

#### 1.) ALL Christians are expected to pray with thanksgiving (v. 2–4)

- Never do we get too wise, strong, or old for prayer.
- We pray for ourselves, others, and the spread of the Gospel

We also pray:

- for opportunities to come to those called to preach.
- for preachers to make Jesus clearly known.

#### 2.) ALL Christians are expected to walk in wisdom and make the most of the time they have with unbelievers in hopes they will accept the Gospel message (v. 5).

- Spiritual wisdom concerning the kingdom of God leads to walking in a way worthy of the Lord, pleasing Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing the knowledge of God. See also, Col. 1:9-10; Eph. 5:15–17; Mark 4:11
- Walk and witness with discretion and purpose.
  - Live so that others see Christ.

#### 3.) ALL Christians are expected to be careful with their speech (v.6)

- With grace (*or be gracious*); see Col. 3:16, Eph. 4:29
- With salt (*have salt in yourself*); see Mk. 9:50, Mt. 5:13, Lk. 14:34
- With knowledge of how you ought to answer each person (*always be ready to give a defense of Christ's gospel*); see 1 Pet. 5:15

### APPLICATION:

*Devote yourself to prayer. Have a prayerful attitude continually, acknowledging your dependence upon God. Be persistent in asking according to God's will, and do not give up even when your prayers seem to go unanswered. Paul asked for prayer that he could proclaim the Good News about Christ clearly—we can ask for the same. Believers are not to hide from the world in secrecy. They are to make the most of every opportunity given to share the Gospel with unbelievers. Christians have the most exciting news in the world to share. Are you willing to listen and discuss with others graciously?*