

**THE DEEPER LIFE – Beyond the Walls  
Colossians 3:22-4:18**

**“Almost half of practicing Christian Millennials say evangelism is wrong.” – Barna Research**

The “spirit of offense” now *rules the day!* (Matthew 24:10) **And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.**

*Silence is not “golden,” it is deadly!”*

**(Psalm 107:2) Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy.**

**Vocal proclamation there should be an outward manifestation!**

The thought of witnessing (evangelizing) frightens many believers, **Paul presents a better way!**

**(v.22-4:1). Bondservants – a person bound in servitude (often willingly) to another person – one who has lost his liberty and has no rights.**

*A bond servant - “employee.”* In the marketplace, it is far more important to be a “good employee” than a good preacher!

**“Preach the gospel at all times and if necessary, use words.” – Francis of Assisi**

**(1 Peter 2:11-12) Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.**

**Heartily – (ek – psyche): ek- out of, from; psyche – breath, the breath of life.**

**The source of our service is not of us, but out of (from) the Spirit, within us!**

**Our “reward” is not a “paycheck,” but our inheritance, “salvation!”**

**1 Peter 2:18-23.**

Added “warning” for Christian bosses. **(4:1).**

**(Philippians 2:4) Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.**

**Success is found in helping others succeed!**

**APPLICATION: Chapter 4 – (v.2-6)**

**(1) Watch Prayerfully (v.2-4)**

Prayer is “faithful vigilance.”

**vigilant – *gregoreo* – also means “watch”: give strict attention to, cautious, active.**

**Your boss may never change but you can as you develop a burden for his/her soul!**

**(2) Walk Wisely (v.5)**

**Ephesians 5:15-22 – “walk circumspectly, (carefully), redeeming the time for the days are evil.”**

**(3) Speak Gracefully (v.6).**

**Grace is an offensive (activating weapon of conversion) for the church! It “seasons” the gospel message, and stirs up “eternal hope,” within the “hopeless” souls!**

**Leave them with the aftertaste of Jesus!**

**CONCLUSION: In (v.7-18) – greetings.**

**Warning: Demas (v.14) - (2 Timothy 4:10).**

**(Titus 3:8) This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.**