

# LET'S TALK ABOUT... YOUR LIFE

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### I. **FOUR WAYS TO LIVE FROM YOUR INSIDE OUT**

- *A Biblical Worldview means looking at life and the world around us from the perspective of scripture.*

#### *1. Be A Wise Guy*

**Colossians 4:5** Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

##### *A. We are to walk in wisdom.*

**Colossians 1:9-12** For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

**Colossians 4:3** And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

##### *B. We are Christ's Ambassadors.*

**2 Corinthians 5:20** We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

**1 Thessalonians 4:11-12** and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

##### *C. We must be careful of hypocrisy.*

- Hypocrisy strengthens skeptics.
- Hypocrisy hurts the hopeless.
- A righteous life lays the foundation for an effective witness.

## 2. *Seize the Moment*

**Colossians 4:5** Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

**Ephesians 5:15-16** Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

### *A. Time is precious.*

**Psalms 90:12** Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

### *B. Opportunities have an expiration date.*

**Lamentations 3:22-23** Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

- You cannot grab today's opportunity tomorrow.

**Romans 13:11-14** And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

- Make the most of today's opportunities.

## 3. *Say Grace*

**Colossians 4:6** Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

**Psalms 141:3** Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips.

### *A. Let your words be full of grace.*

**Luke 6:45** A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

- Full of God's grace.
- Full of graciousness.

**James 3:9-10** With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

**Psalms 28:3** Do not drag me away with the wicked, with those who do evil, who speak cordially with their neighbors but harbor malice in their hearts.

*B. Let your words be seasoned with salt.*

- Words of purity.

**Ephesians 4:29** Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

- Words of clarity.

**Ephesians 4:15** Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

- Words of life.

**Proverbs 18:21** The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

## **4. Share Your Answer**

**Colossians 4:6** Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

*A. Christians are not called to isolation but to influence.*

**Colossians 4:5-6 (NLT)** Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

**1 Peter 3:15-16** But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

*B. You can win the argument and lose the relationship.*

**1 Peter 2:12** Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

- **Make your walk match your talk.**

**Proverbs 17:27** A truly wise person uses few words; a person with understanding is even-tempered.

- **Sometimes the best answer is no answer.**

**John 14:26** But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

- **The Holy Spirit will help you.**

**Luke 12:11-12** When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.

*C. Your life is your answer.*