

Short New Testament Letters From God: If Tomorrow Never Comes - Are They Ready?

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**“Short New Testament Letters From God: If Tomorrow Never Comes - Are They Ready?”
(Colossians 4:2-6)**

Introduction

Our 2023 Bible studies will spring from “Short New Testament Letters.” Every Sunday we will study and apply God’s Word. So our fifth and final Bible study in this series, “If Tomorrow Never Comes”, comes from the Short New Testament letter of Colossians... Today we will be in Colossians, chapter 4, verses 2-6.

Study God’s Word

- A. Devote to prayer for yourself (2)
- B. Be watchful and thankful (2)
- C. Pray for others (3-4)
 - 1. For open doors for the message
 - 2. So that Christ can be shared
 - 3. So that the message can be shared clearly

Apply God’s Word

- 1. Act wisely toward outsiders (5)
- 2. Make the most of every opportunity (5)

3. Speak wisely when answering (6)

Conclusion

So tell that someone that you love, just what you're thinking of, if tomorrow never comes.

Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

1. Our 2023 Bible studies focus on Short New Testament Letters from God (Galatians-Philemon, James, 1/2 Peter, 1/2/3 John, Jude and Jesus' letters in Revelation 2-3). Our Verse-of-the-Week for the next 5 weeks is James 4:14-15, Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." How will you follow the will of God and share your faith with someone who needs to hear it this week/month?
2. How often do you pray for yourself to share Jesus with others?
3. How often do you pray for others to share Jesus with others?
4. Pray now, for yourself and for others, for opens doors so that Christ can be shared and shared clearly!
5. What does it mean to you to act wisely towards outsiders (those who don't know Jesus)?
6. Have you missed opportunities to share your faith with others? What do you need to do in the future when opportunities arise?
7. How can you make sure that you speak wisely when given the opportunity to share Christ?

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