

Colossians 4

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I. Introduction.

II. Paul admonishes the Colossians to continue in prayer.

A. Continuing has the idea of holding on tight.

B. We have to hold on tight to prayer.

III. There are more people with faith than a thankful heart in the world - Paul expresses thanks.

IV. Paul asks for an open door to witness while in prison and gives tips on how to be a good witness.

A. Act wisely.

B. Buy up every opportunity.

C. Manifest a kindly, gracious spirit.

D. Your witness should have a flavor to it.

E. Do your best to answer the person's question.

V. Paul counts servants the Lord's and not his.

VI. Jesus Christ amazingly brought diverse and divided people together so that they were one in Christ.

VII. Paul again does not credit his work with people to himself but to God.

VIII. Every one of us has received a ministry from the Lord.

A. Whatever your ministry from the Lord, take care that you fulfill it. (Acts 20:24)

B. You are the only one that can fulfill the ministry God has given you.

IX. Paul had never been to Colosse but he knew how to admonish them. He tells one disciple to complete the ministry.

X. Four things that stand out: prayer, witness, perseverance and dedication.

XI. Prayer.

- A. Jesus was constantly in demand, but He still prayed. (Mark 1:35)
- B. Jesus placed a strong priority on prayer, and He was teaching His Apostles the same.
- C. The speaker's prayer life.
 - 1. He prays for the Lordship and protection of Jesus in his life, and for an opportunity to witness.
 - 2. Protection is necessary because the Devil is out to devour us.
 - 3. What would happen if you committed to praying for a chance to witness?

Application questions

1. How ought we effectively witness according to Colossians?

2. What would you say to someone who says that they have no need of witnessing since they are a layman? Explain.

3. What place does prayer take in your life? What will you do to enhance your prayer life after Jesus' model today?
