

Colossians 4

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I. Introduction.

II. Prayers.

- A. We are to hold on tight to prayer because it is always one of the first things to slip.
- B. Paul is praying for an open door for his witness. (Jeremiah 23:28)

III. Witnessing.

- A. Buy up every opportunity.
- B. Act wisely that outsiders would not be prejudiced against the gospel.
- C. Manifest a kindly gracious spirit.
- D. Make conversation flavorful.
- E. Do your best to answer the person's questions, but never try to fake it.

IV. Paul attributes his fellow workers to the Lord and not himself.

- A. These workers were mixed Gentile and Jew heritage.
- B. There was great hatred between the two groups, but the power of the gospel made them one in Christ.

V. Four things that stand out in Colossians 4.

A. Prayer. (Mark 1:35, 1:22)

1. Despite Jesus' demanding schedule He regularly got up early in the morning for prayer.
2. Jesus placed a high priority on prayer.
3. Place yourself daily under the lordship and protection of Jesus Christ, and ask Him for an opportunity to witness daily.

B. Witnessing.

C. Dedication to God.

D. Perseverance.

Application questions

1. Why does Paul not call his converts “his”?

2. Which principle of witnessing stands out to you? Why?

3. In what way has your prayer life reflected that of Jesus? How might you approach prayer differently to make your prayer life reflect Jesus’ more?
