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Colossians 4:2-4

## *The Ministry of Prayer*

### **1. The personal prayer life of the believer 4:2**

Be devoted to prayer 4:2a

**Be Devoted**

*Luke 18:1*

Be watchful in prayer 4:2b

**Be watchful**

*1 Peter 5:8*

Be thankful in prayer 4:2c

**Be thankful**

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

### **2. Paul's personal request for prayer 4:3-4**

This was a personal practice of Paul.

*Ephesians 6:19-20*

*1 Thessalonians 5:25*

This was a practice of others

*Daniel 2:18*

*Esther 4:16*

*Colossians 1:1*

*Colossians 4:12*

For opportunities to share Christ 4:3

***For an open door to proclaim the mystery of Christ***

*1 Corinthians 16:9*

*2 Corinthians 2:12*  
*Philippians 1:12-14*

For clarity in sharing Christ 4:4

***Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should***

Acts 28:30-31

Speak clearly to be understood.

Speak boldly without fear or restraint.

Speak the message graciously.

Speak the message wisely. (Hendriksen, New Testament Commentary-Colossians, p. 182)

*Acts 23:11*

### **Questions for discussion**

1. What are your personal practices for praying? Will you give some examples which explain how you participate in the ministry of prayer?
2. How has God answered your prayers? Can you give some examples of God's faithfulness to answer your prayers?
3. How does prayer teach you to depend upon the Lord?
4. What are some lessons you have learned about prayer from our study?