

With the Master and Nothing Else—Lesson 20—Colossians 4:2-6—Three Essentials in Evangelism

1. Read Colossians chapter four and list all the commands that you find.

2. Memorize Colossians 4:6.

3. (a) Paul says we are to walk in wisdom toward those that are outside (Colossians 4:5). What does that mean, according to what Jesus said in Matthew 7:6 and 10:16? (b) What does true wisdom look like, according to James 3:13-18? (c) Would you say the wisdom James describes is the same wisdom that unbelievers observe in you?

4. (a) What do you think is the main point in Jesus' parable in Luke 18:1-8? (b) How does this coincide with what Paul says in Colossians 4:2? (c) Would you say that you are persistent in prayer? (d) What keeps you from persevering?

5. (a) What other prayer requests does Paul ask for from other churches? See Romans 15:30-32; 2 Corinthians 1:11; Ephesians 6:18-20; Philippians 1:18-20; 1 Thessalonians 5:25; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2; Philemon 22; and Hebrews 13:18-19.

(b) In what ways do these requests challenge you? (c) If you could ask for three prayer requests, what would they be?

6. Make two columns on the back of your paper, one with "Question," and the other labeled "Answer."
(a) For each of the following passages, list the question and then how Paul or Jesus answered it. See Matthew 16:1-4; 21:23-27; Luke 20:20-26; 20:27-38; 20:39-44; John 14:5-6; Acts 17:16-34. (b) How do these questions and answers seem to relate to Colossians 4:6? (c) If these questions would have been posed to you, would you have been able to answer them?

7. (a) When was the last time you shared the gospel? (b) Will you pray this week that God will give you an open door to share the gospel as Paul did? Come prepared to share if that door was opened and what happened.

8. (a) If someone came to you today and asked you of the "hope within you," would you be ready to share with them? Are you prepared to do so? What are some ways you can or have prepared? (The following passages are good ones to consider for later: Acts 20:17-27; Romans 3:19-28; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Ephesians 2:8-10; and Titus 3:4-7.) (These are good tools that are helpful for evangelism: Discipleship Evangelism; Evangelism Explosion; Way of the Master; Tell the Truth by Will Metzger; The Master Plan of Evangelism by Robert Coleman.)

9. Come with a prayer request either for someone who is lost, or a prayer for yourself as you endeavor to share the gospel.