

Living Daily for Christ

Colossians 4:2-6

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On a wall near the main entrance to the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, is a portrait with the following inscription: "James Butler Bonham--no picture of him exists. This portrait is of his nephew, Major James Bonham, deceased, who greatly resembled his uncle. It is placed here by the family that people may know the appearance of the man who died for freedom." No literal portrait of Jesus exists either. But the likeness of the Son who makes us free can be seen in the lives of His true followers.

Colossians 4:2-6 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison-- ⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. ⁵ Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Luke 9:23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Here are three ways how Christians should conduct themselves every day.

I. Living Daily for Christ Includes Your Work of Prayer (2-4)

In his commentary on this verse John McArthur writes: "It is fitting that Paul begins with Prayer,

because it is the most important speech the New Believer can utter. Prayer is the strength of the believer's fellowship with the Lord and the source of his power against Satan and his demons. Through prayer believers confess their sin, offer praise to God, call on their sympathetic High Priest, and intercede for each other. Prayer from a pure heart is to be offered to God, consistent with the mind of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Christ, and for the glory of the Father."

A. The Work of Prayer Requires Endurance (2) Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

B. The Work of Prayer Requires Intercession (3) At the same time, pray also for us

1. Proclamation (3-4) that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ

With Proclamation of God's Word comes:

a. Consequences (3) on account of which I am in prison

b. Clarity (4) that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

II. Living Daily for Christ Includes Your Walk in Wisdom (5)

- A. **Walking in Wisdom** is an Example to Unbelievers (5) Walk in wisdom toward outsiders,
- B. **Walking in Wisdom** is to be Effective (5) making the best use of the time.

Believers should always be looking for opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus!

1 Peter 3:15-16 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

- C. **Walking in Wisdom** is to be Engrossed in Gods Wisdom **James 1:5** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

III. Living Daily for Christ Includes Your Words of Grace (6)

When it comes to your words you're in:

- A. Control (6) Let your speech always

Words of an Everyday Christian are to be:

- B. Charming (6) be gracious,

Words of an Everyday Christian are to be:

- C. Compelling (6) seasoned with salt,

Words of an Everyday Christian are to be:

D. Calculated (6) so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Illus: Lady wants half a Cabbage!

An **Everyday Christian's Words** should be:

Controlled, Charming, Compelling, Calculated

So are You an Everyday or a Part-Time Christian?

Praise Team Takes The Platform