

How God's Work Gets Done

Colossians 4:2-4

Review:

Our ability to do God's work requires God's power. Prayer is how God's work gets done. Prayer is so vital to the Christian life—we cannot live right unless we pray, and there are some things that we cannot get done unless we pray. Prayer is the means God has appointed for the advancement of the Gospel.

Outline Review:

God's work gets done through...

- I. Persevering Prayer (vs.2)
- II. Watchful Prayer (vs.2)
- III. Thankful Prayer (vs.2)
- IV. Intercessory Prayer (vs.3)

Application:

1. There are obstacles we need to persevere past in order to pray. What are some of the obstacles to your prayer life? What are some practical ways to overcome the prayer obstacles of time restraints and being tired?
2. How can we make sure our prayers are not vague and full of "vain babbling?"
3. We are to express thanks in our prayers. Should we only be thankful for things God has done in the past? What future things can we thank God for?
4. How important is prayer to the success of the evangelistic meetings with the Pettit team? Why is genuine revival marked by prayer? Based on this passage, how can we pray for the meetings?
5. How does this passage help us to pray for missionaries?
6. How were the Colossians' prayers answered in Paul's ministry?
7. Have you ever written out your prayers, prayed Scripture back to God, prayed the written prayers of a Christian from the past? How did doing that affect your own prayer life?