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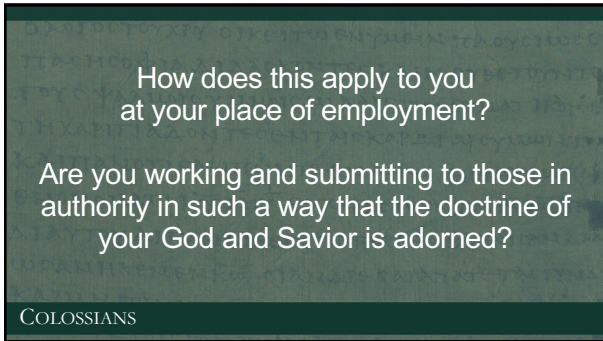
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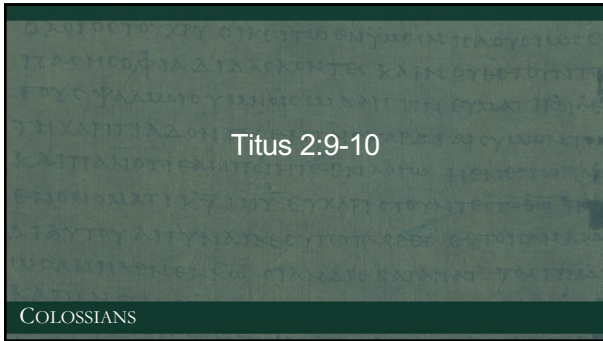
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Do you struggle to pray enough,  
know what to pray, or who to pray for?

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1. Continue steadfastly in prayer.

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Would your prayer life be considered  
"continuous steadfast prayer"  
or "sporadic occasional prayer"?

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

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A life of consistent prayer should be a mark of a believer who rightly understands his or her dependence on God for everything.

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2 Timothy 1:3

“I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.”

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When do you pray?

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Ephesians 6:18

“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,”

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As we consider our reasons to be thankful and the needs of other believers, we should always have something to pray to God about.

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With that said, is there a benefit to setting a specific portion of your day aside for prayer?

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1 Peter 4:7  
“therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.”

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Matthew 6:5-6

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2. Watchful in prayer.

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Have you ever gotten into a habit of praying the same basic vague prayer that does not reflect watchfulness?

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How would your prayer life change if you became more watchful?

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If you are being watchful over yourself, upon close examination, there will be plenty to pray about on a regular basis.

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Luke 22:39-46

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Are you watchful over only your needs or the needs of others as well?

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3. Thanksgiving in prayer.

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Colossians 1:3-8

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Paul both modeled and taught thanksgiving in prayer.

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How often does thankfulness permeate your prayers?

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Even in challenging times, reasons for thanksgiving to God can still be found.

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4. Pray for others.

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If Paul had to ask for prayer,  
then most likely you will as well.

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1 Timothy 2:1-2

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Epesians 6:18  
“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all  
prayers and supplication. To that end,  
keep alert with all perseverance, making  
supplication for all the saints,”

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5. Pray for gospel to go forth.

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6. Pray for clear communication of the gospel.

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**Series: Colossians**

**Sermon: Colossians 4:2-4**

**1. Many Christians regularly believe they should spend more time in prayer. A. What are some obstacles, distractions, and/or reasons that you have struggled to pray as much as you would like? Write down 4-5 of the most common ones from your table.**

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**B. Beside each one, write down how the problem could be solved.**

**2. We often get stuck in a rut when we pray. That is, we say the same things and pray the same prayers. Not that this is necessarily bad, but what could we do to be more “watchful” in prayer as Paul instructs in Col. 4:2?**

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**3. Does the Bible address exactly how long a person should pray? \_\_\_\_\_ Should you designate a certain amount of time to pray each day? What are some pros for doing so? Any possible cons that come to**

**mind?**

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**4. Paul asked for the Colossians to pray for his boldness and clarity in presenting the gospel. What are some reasons that you have not been as bold as you would like to be with the gospel?**

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**5. Have you ever tried to share the Gospel and walked away knowing that you didn’t actually do so? It happens to everyone. How could you improve on the clarity of your communication of the gospel to others?**

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**6. Does a clear bold presentation of the Gospel guarantee that a person will not face persecution? Explain**

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**How did people react to Paul’s early clear bold gospel proclamation? See Acts 9:20-25.**

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