

“Sanctified Speech” **Colossians 4:2-6**

I. TO GOD: “Devote yourselves to prayer” (vv.2-4)

A. Working: "Devote yourselves" (v.2a)

B. Watching: "keeping alert...with thanksgiving" (v.2b)

C. Waiting: "praying...for us as well" (vv.3-4)

1. Request: "that God may open up to us a door" (v.3a)

2. Reason #1: "to speak forth the mystery of Christ" (v.3b)

3. Reason #2: "that I may make it clear" (v.4)

II. TO MEN: "Conduct yourselves with wisdom" (vv.5-6)

A. Walking: "Conduct yourselves" (v.5)

1. Skillful: "with wisdom toward outsiders" (v.5a)

2. Smart: "making the most of the opportunity" (v.5b)

B. Wooing: "Let your speech always be with grace" (v.6)

1. Savory: "seasoned, as it were, with salt" (v.6a)

2. Shrewd: "know how you should respond" (v.6b)

Next week: Read Colossians 4:2-6