

“Final Words; Best Words” Colossians 4:1-6

As Paul concludes his letter to the Christians in Colossae, he gives practical counsel.

1. If you are in _____ of people, treat them with _____ and _____. **V.1** Do this because you may want your _____ to treat you with justice and fairness. This means that you always _____ for others, and never _____ of them. Isaiah 61:8 **Questions:**

- A. Do you consider your people, _____ you consider yourself?
- B. Are you ever _____ with people? Judgmental? _____?
- C. Are you _____? Critical? Do you have a quick _____?
- D. Are your people a _____ to you? OR something to use and discard?
- E. Do people see you as _____ to talk to, and _____ to approach?
- F. Do you _____ people? Or _____ people with demeaning words?
- G. Are you quick to _____, when you have run over them?
- H. Never respond to _____ by text, email, or Facebook. Never do this because it always blows up. People _____ your intentions. People will hold onto it, and share it. People then get more _____ and more bitter.
- I. For those in _____ over you; always be _____, work to fulfill their _____, and labor to make them _____. If you do this, GOD will see your servant’s heart, and _____ you at the right time.
Rom. 13:1-7, Heb. 13:17, 1 Peter 5:5, Eph. 6:1-3

2. _____ yourselves to Prayer. **V.2** Devote means to _____ on, to make something a _____, to learn to get _____ at something.

- A. Learning to Pray is the greatest _____ you can develop, because through prayer you develop a _____ with the Creator of everything. (and that opens _____ for you) **Luke 11:1**
- B. You cannot pray well, if you are not reading _____ first and consistently.
- C. Set Goals: How many chapters can I read per day? _____
How many minutes per day will I try to pray? _____
How many times per week will you pray with your family? _____

3. _____. **V.2** WHY? The threat and danger of _____ are very real. Ephesians 6:10-18, 1 Peter 5:8

4. Maintain an attitude of _____. **V.2** If you are not grateful every day, you are not paying _____. Gratitude is a _____.

Gratitude is a response to GOD's _____ to you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Praise and Gratitude are great _____ for depression and anger

5. Pray for _____. **V.3** (These are important prayers)

- A. Doors to Open so the beautiful _____ can be shared.
- B. Doors to Open in the most _____, where believers pay a steep price for sharing the Gospel.
- C. Doors to Open so we all could make the Gospel _____.

V.4 Is there anything more important? (another Great Skill Set)

6. That we all would conduct ourselves with _____ toward Outsiders. **V.5**

- A. GOD uses _____ (JESUS' _____) to reach _____ (those HE wants to be HIS Family)
- B. We are HIS _____. Represent HIM well. **2 Cor. 5:20**
- C. Don't be _____, self-absorbed. Be a great _____ to others.

7. Make the most of _____. **Eph. 2:10**

- A. Every day, ask the LORD to use you to _____ someone.
- B. Pay attention to the prompts and nudges to _____ a life. (Often your first response is to tell the LORD, that you _____) **Luke 10:29-37**
- C. Showing concern is _____. **Luke 19:1-10**

8. That our speech would always be _____, **V.6**

- A. As seasoned with _____ – which brings flavor, and makes people _____ and _____ for more of JESUS. (this is how you came to CHRIST)
- B. That we would know _____ to each person, because they are precious to the LORD JESUS. **Ephesians 4:29**