

**Bible Study – September 22, 2021**  
**Colossians 4 – Talk is Not Cheap!**

**Colossians 4:2-9**

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. <sup>3</sup> And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. <sup>4</sup> Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. <sup>5</sup> Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. <sup>7</sup> Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant<sup>[a]</sup> in the Lord. <sup>8</sup> I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our<sup>[a]</sup> circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts. <sup>9</sup> He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here.”

Never underestimate the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

In this brief section, Paul pointed to four important ministries of speech.

1. Our praying must be \_\_\_\_\_. “Continue in prayer” (Col. 4:2).

Acts 1:14; 2:46; 1 Thes. 5:17

2. Our praying must also be \_\_\_\_\_.

Neh. 4:9; Mark 13:33; 14:38; Eph. 6:18

3. Our praying should also be \_\_\_\_\_.

Col. 1:3, 12; 2:7; 3:15, 17; 4:2

4. Our praying ought to be \_\_\_\_\_.

Col. 4:3; 1 John 5:14–15

Study Paul’s prison prayers (Phil. 1:9–11; Eph. 1:15–23; 3:14–21; Col. 1:9–12) for examples of prayer at its best.

PROCLAIMING THE \_\_\_\_\_ Col. 4:3b–4

WITNESSING TO THE \_\_\_\_\_ Col. 4:5–6; Mark 4:11; 1 Cor. 5:12–13

SHARING \_\_\_\_\_ Col. 4:7–9

THE MEN WHO \_\_\_\_\_ Col. 4:10–11, 14a

Aristarchus (v. 10a)

John Mark (v. 10b)

Jesus Justus (v. 11)

Luke (v. 14a)

THE MAN WHO \_\_\_\_\_ Col. 4:12–13

*He prayed* \_\_\_\_\_

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THE MAN WHO \_\_\_\_\_ Col. 4:14b

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