Prayer, Evangelism, and Consolations
Colossians 4:2-18

- 4:2-4 – **Devoted Prayer**
- 4:5-6 – **Salty Speech**
- 4:7-18 – **Paul's People**

1. **Colossians 1:26-27** - 26 that is, the mystery which has been _____ from the past _____ and generations; but has now been manifested to His saints, 27 to whom God willed to make known what is the _____ of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in _____, the hope of glory. NASB

2. "2 _____ yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving." He does not merely tell us that we should pray, or even that we should pray _____, but that we should be _____ to it.

3. **Ephesians 6:18-20** - 18 With all prayer and petition pray at _____ times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the _____ with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, 19 and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak _____, as I ought to speak. NASB

4. We get _____ in prayer and we give up very easily. Yet the Lord tells us to keep on exercising our _____ and coming to Him with our petitions and prayers, and that we should persevere and be earnestly _____ in prayer.

5. No, here Paul sees his work as _____ and ongoing, and asking that it will carry on with much power and effectiveness, which by the way, only _____ can give.

6. See here the great importance of understanding and _____ the **Gospel** with _____ when we share our faith with people. Even the great Apostle needed help from God to speak the Gospel _____.

7. The Bible addresses our great need of being _____ from God because of our _____, and being under His wrath and judgment and displeasure because we have broken His laws and _____ His authority.

8. We are to "Conduct yourselves with _____ toward outsiders," because we need to see our interaction with them as an opportunity to _____ our faith and for them to be _____. Paul writes, "making the most of the opportunity."

9. **Ephesians 4:29 -** 29 Let ____ unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but _____ such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give _____ to those who hear. NASB

10. We need to use wisdom when speaking to people about the Lord, and speak the _____ words at the right _____, and this we should do "for each person," and also with _____ and gentleness.

11. See here the sweetness of _____ reconciliation. For Mark was the one who was the cause of the _____ between Paul and Barnabas, whom Paul did not want to take along in the ministry, so they parted ways.

12. Here is where we learn that _____, the author of the Gospel of Luke and of the book of Acts, was a _____. Demas is one who eventually and sadly _____ Paul in ministry **2 Tim 4:10**.

13. See here Paul has taken the pen from the scribe and _____ this letter with his own _____. This is common for Paul and it is a sign of both authentication and affection. He makes a request, "remember my imprisonment," which in that day was probably meant to be sure that his _____ for food and clothing don't go unnoticed.

14. Now may the Lord help us to be a people who are _____ to prayer. One of the great things prayer does for us is to constantly _____ our priorities on what is truly important. And may He help us to be people who use wisdom in sharing our faith who make the most of _____ opportunity. And lastly may He fill us with His love and grace that we might truly _____ our people with heartfelt compassion.