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

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.