

Living It Out ... in Our World

Colossians 4:2-18

How to Increase Our Impact in Our World:

1) By _____ for each other _____. (vv. 2-4)

“Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving, praying at the same time for us as well...” (vv. 2-3a)

“For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you....” (Col. 1:9)

“Epaphras...sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers....” (Col. 4:12)

“...be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, 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, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.” (Eph. 6:18-20)

➤ that God would _____ to share the gospel.

“...that God will open up to us a door for the word...” (v. 3b)

➤ that God would give us the _____ to _____.

“...so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned....” (v. 3c)

➤ that God would help us to _____.

“...that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.” (v. 4)

2) By paying attention to how we _____
with _____. (vv. 5-6)

➤ being _____ in relating to
different people.

“Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders....” (v. 5a)



➤ not missing _____ to _____ and to _____
Jesus in our daily lives.

“...making the most of the opportunity.” (v. 5b)

➤ being _____ and loving in _____ we say what we say.

“Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt....” (v. 6a)

➤ constantly _____ ourselves so that we can have better
_____ with people who don't currently believe.

“...so that you will know how you should respond to each person.” (v. 6b)

“...but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.” (1 Peter 3:15)

3) By realizing how much _____.
(vv. 7-17)

“What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one. I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.” (1 Cor. 3:5-6)

4) By being willing to _____ personally and
even _____ if necessary. (v. 18)

“...remember my imprisonment....” (v. 18)

“...for which I am an ambassador in chains....” (Eph 6:20)