

Reason for Hope

Devote Yourselves - Part 1

Colossians 4:2-6

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Introduction

- **Romans 1:16**
 - **2nd Corinthians 5:17-20**
 - **Matthew 9:36-38**
 - **Augustine** ... *“If you believe what you like in the gospel, and reject what you don’t like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.”*
 - **Oswald Chambers** ... *“There is nothing attractive about the gospel to the natural man ... the only man who finds the gospel attractive ... is the man who is convicted of sin.”*
 - **Colossians 4:2-6**
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1. Prayer:

- Colossians 4:2**
- Greek – **Proskartereo** ... English – **Devote** ... *“To associate closely and continuously with ... To stay close to.”*
- 650 prayers in the Bible ... 25 belong solely to Jesus.
- Jesus was setting an example for us** ... that when we were in need, had a concern, had a request, were nervous, had feelings of uncertainty or when we were afraid, we were to go to the Father in prayer.
- John 14:13-14**
- Mark 7:7-8**
- Philippians 4:6-7**
- There is power in prayer:
 - Exodus 3**
 - Exodus 17**
 - Exodus 32**
 - Psalms 23**
 - Acts 9**
 - Acts 12**
 - Acts 16**
 - Acts 20**
- Luke 11:1**
- Points from Luke’s version of the Lord’s Prayer:
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2. Pray for Specific People:

- a. **Colossians 4:2-3**
- b. Greek – **Proskartereo** ... English – **Devote** ... *“To associate closely and continuously with ... To stay close to.”*
- c. **Matthew 26:41**
- d. Greek – **Gregoreo** ... English – **Watchful** ... *“To remain awake because of the need for continued alert.”*
- e. **2nd Corinthians 10:3-8**
- f. Two reasons praying for someone is an honor:
 - i.
 - ii.
- g. **John 17** – Longest prayer of Jesus.
- h. A nobody named Edward Kimball

3. Pray for Opportunity:

- a. **Colossians 4:3**
- b. Pray for specific people and opportunities to reach them.
- c. **Colossians 4:6**
- d. **Full of Grace** –
- e. **Seasoned with Salt** –
- f. **Ed Stetzer** ... *“God has made relationships His chosen delivery system for the gospel of hope.”*
- g. Take Home:
 - i.
 - ii.
 - iii.