

WEEK 5

Whatever You Say

COLOSSIANS 4:2-18

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FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

² Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³ 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. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

FINAL GREETINGS

⁷ Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. ⁸ I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts. ⁹ He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here.

¹⁰ My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.) ¹¹ Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews among my co-workers for the

kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me. ¹² Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. ¹³ I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis. ¹⁴ Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings. ¹⁵ Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house.

¹⁶ After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea.

¹⁷ Tell Archippus: "See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord."

¹⁸ I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

INTRODUCTION

- Your words reveal what you really _____ about Jesus.
- Luke 6:45 ESV: “...out of the abundance of the _____ [the] mouth speaks.”

PAUL'S CHALLENGE

Use our words to _____ people to Jesus and give _____ to God.

FOUR PRINCIPLES FOR CHRIST-SUBMITTED WORDS

1. _____ WITH YOUR WORDS—THEY CONNECT YOU TO GOD. (4:2-4)

- Start with _____, not communication techniques.
- “Devote” = same word for disciples’ _____ prayer before Pentecost.
- Challenge: Pick _____ people who don’t know Jesus and pray for them daily.

2. _____ WITH YOUR WORDS—THEY BUILD BRIDGES TO OUTSIDERS. (4:5-6)

- Words should build _____, not walls.
- “Grace” = undeserved _____ and kindness.
- “Salt” = preserves, purifies, and enhances _____.
- Proverbs 25:11 CSB: “A word spoken at the _____ time...”

KEY LIFE INTERSECTIONS

- Intersection of _____: Moving, new job, marriage, baby, graduation
- Intersection of _____: Death, illness, job loss, divorce, mental health

3. _____ WITH YOUR WORDS—THEY STRENGTHEN OTHERS. (4:7-9)

- Paul's purpose: “_____ your hearts.”
- Encouragement literally means “to put _____ into.”

FOUR PRACTICAL STRATEGIES

1. See and say what others _____; Point out character qualities.
2. Affirm their _____ in God's Kingdom: Remind them of their identity.
3. Speak to their _____, not just their past: Cast vision.
4. Be _____ rather than generic: Mention specific contributions.

4. _____ WITH YOUR WORDS—THEY DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP (4:2-4)

- Paul mentions _____ people by name.
- Personal recognition: “Mark, the cousin of _____,”
“Luke, the beloved _____”
- People feel _____ by him.

HONOR PEOPLE

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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FOUR AREAS TO EVALUATE

- Are your words connecting you _____?
- Are your words building _____ to outsiders?
- Are your words _____ others?
- Are your words _____ your relationships?

Notes



**MISSED A SERMON?
WATCH HERE!**