

Christ our Motivation



Colossians 4:2-6 (ESV) ² Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— 4 that I may make it clear, which

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Colossians 4:2-6 (ESV) is how I ought to speak. ⁵ Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

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Continually Pray | Col 4:2-4



Attitude

- Watchfulness
- Thanksgiving



Content

- Open door
- Make it clear



Continually Walk in Wisdom | Col 4:5-6



Epaphras our Example | Col 4:12-13 ¹² Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.



Epaphras our Example | Col 4:12-13 ¹³ For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis



Epaphras our Example | Col 4:12-13

- Who?
- What?



Conclusion

1. We are compelled by Christ, the God-man's shed blood to be about his work of reconciliation. We are called to pray and participate.



The anguish of Christ's soul at that time was so strong as to cause that wonderful effect on his body (sweating blood). But his love to his enemies, poor and unworthy as they were, was stronger still. The heart of Christ at that time was full of distress, but it was fuller of love to



vile worms: his sorrows abounded, but his love did much more abound. Christ's soul was overwhelmed with a deluge of grief, but this was from a deluge of love to sinners in his heart sufficient to overflow the world, and overwhelm the highest mountain of its sins.

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Those great drops of blood that fell down to the ground were a manifestation of an ocean of love in Christ's heart.

-Edwards

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 Make no mistake about the mission of the Church; it is the proclamation of the gospel.
Are you willing to suffer for the mission?



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