

Colossians 4:2-6

- 4:2-5 – advice for Church
- 4:5-6 – advice toward unbeliever

Colossians 4:2 – “Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”

3588 [e]	4335 [e]	4342 [e]	1127 [e]	1722 [e]	846 [e]	1722 [e]	2169 [e]		
Tē	proseuchē	proskartereite	grēgorountes	en	autē	en	eucharistia		
2	Τῆ	προσευχῆ	προσκαρτερεῖτε	, γρηγοροῦντες	ἐν	αὐτῇ	ἐν	εὐχαριστίᾳ	,
-	In prayer	continue steadfastly	watching	in	it	with	thanksgiving		
Art-DFS	N-DFS	V-PMA-2P	V-PPA-NMP	Prep	PPro-DF3S	Prep	N-DFS		

1. “devote” is built on the root meaning “to be strong”. Prayer is to be persistent and passionate.
2. “being watchful” – is literally “keeping awake”.
3. “thanksgiving” – the persistent, passionate, watchful prayer are to be filled with thanksgiving

Colossians 4:3 – “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—

4336 [e]	260 [e]	2532 [e]	4012 [e]	1473 [e]	2443 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	455 [e]	1473 [e]	2374 [e]	3588 [e]		
proseuchomenoi	hama	kai	peri	hēmōn	hina	ho	Theos	anoixē	hēmin	thyran	tou		
3	προσευχόμενοι	ἅμα	καὶ	περὶ	ἡμῶν	,	ἵνα	ὁ	Θεὸς	ἀνοίξῃ	ἡμῖν	θύραν	τοῦ
praying	at the same time	also	for	us	that	-	God	may open	to us	a door	for the		
V-PPM/P-NMP	Adv	Conj	Prep	PPro-G1P	Conj	Art-NMS	N-NMS	V-ASA-3S	PPro-D1P	N-AFS	Art-GMS		

3056 [e]	2980 [e]	3588 [e]	3466 [e]	3588 [e]	5547 [e]	1223 [e]	3739 [e]	2532 [e]	1210 [e]		
logou	lalēsai	to	mystērion	tou	Christou	di'	ho	kai	dedemai		
λόγου	, λαλῆσαι	τὸ	μυστήριον	τοῦ	Χριστοῦ	,	δι'	ὃ	καὶ	δέδεμαι	,
word	to declare	the	mystery	-	of Christ	on account of	which	also	I have been bound		
N-GMS	V-ANA	Art-ANS	N-ANS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	Prep	RelPro-ANS	Conj	V-RIM/P-1S		

1. Paul asks for prayer for himself and his team’s ministry.
2. Desire to make clear in this temporal world the mystery of the eternal world
3. Paul prays for two things:
 - a. “open door”
 - b. “clear” presentation

Colossians 4:4 – “that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.”

2443 [e]	5319 [e]	846 [e]	5613 [e]	1163 [e]	1473 [e]	2980 [e]			
hina	phanerōsō	auto	hōs	dei	me	lalēsai			
4	ἵνα	φανερῶσω	αὐτὸ	,	ὡς	δεῖ	με	λαλῆσαι	.
so that	I should make clear	it	as	it behooves	me	to speak			
Conj	V-ASA-1S	PPro-AN3S	Adv	V-PIA-3S	PPro-A1S	V-ANA			

Colossians 4:5 – “Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.

1722 [e]	4678 [e]	4043 [e]	4314 [e]	3588 [e]	1854 [e]	3588 [e]	2540 [e]	1805 [e]		
En	sophia	peripateite	pros	tous	exō	ton	kairon	exagorazomenoi		
5	Ἐν	σοφία	περιπατεῖτε	πρὸς	τοὺς	ἔξω	, τὸν	καιρὸν	ἐξαγοραζόμενοι	.
In	wisdom	walk	toward	those	outside	the	time	redeeming		
Prep	N-DFS	V-PMA-2P	Prep	Art-AMP	Adv	Art-AMS	N-AMS	V-PPM-NMP		

Colossians 4:6 – “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”

3588 [e]	3056 [e]	4771 [e]	3842 [e]	1722 [e]	5485 [e]	217 [e]	741 [e]	1492 [e]	4459 [e]	1163 [e]	
ho	logos	hymōn	pantote	en	chariti	halati	ērtymenos	eidenai	pōs	dei	
6	ὁ	λόγος	ὑμῶν	πάντοτε	ἐν	χάριτι	, ἅλατι	ἡρτυμένος	, εἰδέναι	πῶς	δεῖ
-	[Let the] speech	of you	[be] always	in	grace	with salt	having been seasoned	to know	how	it behooves	
Art-NMS	N-NMS	Pro-G2P	Adv	Prep	N-DFS	N-DNS	V-RPM/P-NMS	V-RNA	Adv	V-PIA-3S	

4771 [e]	1520 [e]	1538 [e]	611 [e]	
hymas	heni	hekastō	apokrinesthai	
ὑμᾶς	ἐνὶ	ἐκάστῳ	ἀποκρίνεσθαι	.
you	one	each	to answer	
Pro-A2P	Adj-DMS	Adj-DMS	V-PNM/P	

1. “gracious” includes pleasantness, attractiveness, charm, engaging
2. Salt was used to:
 - a. Preserve
 - b. Add flavor
 - c. Destroy unwanted corruption or growth of undesirable things