

Devoted to Prayer (Colossians 4:2-4)

v. 2 – Command: _____ yourselves to _____

- By keeping _____ (Neh. 4:9; Mat. 26:38-41)
- With _____ (Col. 1:3; 12; 2:7; 3:15-17)

• **vv. 3-4** *Pray for us*

- 1) For God to open a _____ for the _____ (Acts 14:27)
Speak the _____ of Christ = the _____ to the _____
- 2) To present the gospel _____

Insights and Application

What will it mean for me to be devoted to prayer?

- 1) Be _____ – not easily _____
- 2) Be _____ (Lk. 11:5-8; 18:1-8)
- 3) Be _____ – for the _____ of prayer
In _____ – it demonstrates _____ (Phil. 4:7)

Two Wrong Tendencies

- 1) We _____ ⇒ miss the essence of prayer – _____
 - Mat. 6:8 – Why pray?
- 2) Prayer becomes another _____ activity
 - We lose our _____
 - _____ of spiritual disciplines → falling away

How to Pray – some practical helps

- Parents – _____ your children
- _____ another believer (Lk. 11:1^{ff}) – teaching and _____
- Use the prayers of _____
Col. 1:9-12 / Acts 4:24-30 / Ps. 4 / Ps. 51 / Ps. 103:1-5 / Mat. 6:9-13
- Weekly prayer chart: God / others / me
- Compile prayer _____ based on Scripture for...
Children and grandchildren
Missionaries / pastors
The _____ in your life
Leaders (1 Tim. 2:1-4; Prov. 29)

Discussion Questions: Colossians 4:2-4

1. What can we learn from the following prayers in Scripture?
Dan. 9:3-7; 16-19

Luke 18:10-13

Eph.2:14-21

2. What are some areas where I am tempted to give up in prayer?

What is God's answer to those temptations?

3. What is *one thing* you definitely want to take away with you from today's message?

How do you plan to *follow through* on that *one thing*?