

## Devoted to Unbelievers with Wisdom (Colossians 4:5-6)

**v. 5** – Command: \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves (walk) with \_\_\_\_\_

- Eph. 5:15 – *be careful how you \_\_\_\_\_ ... as men who are \_\_\_\_\_*
- Toward \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 5:12; 1 Thess. 4:12)

### How?

- **v. 5** – making the most of the \_\_\_\_\_ = redeeming the \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1) Here, redeem = to \_\_\_\_\_ in order to gain \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) Eph. 5:16; Ps. 90:12
- **v. 6** – by \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ – *always* with...
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ – undeserved \_\_\_\_\_; goodwill; doctrines of \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ – good flavor vs. bitterness; \_\_\_\_\_ vs. foolishness; prepared vs. \_\_\_\_\_ words; wholesome, \_\_\_\_\_ vs. corrupt

\* *To know how to \_\_\_\_\_ to each person* (Eph. 4:29)

### **Lessons and Application**

**#1** – Conducting myself with wisdom toward the lost is a \_\_\_\_\_

- Two motivations
  - 1) I live my life in the sight of \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 4:13)
  - 2) I live my life in the sight of \_\_\_\_\_ ⇒ \_\_\_\_\_

**#2** – Practicing #1 means that I \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

### • How?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ vs. wasteful (Eph. 5:17-18; Ac. 1:8; Jn. 16:8; 3:5)
  - 2) Invest in God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Col. 3:16; Ps. 119:98; Rom. 10:17)
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_ – for \_\_\_\_\_ / for \_\_\_\_\_ (Jas. 1:5)
  - 4) Proclaim the \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit's power (Prov. 11:30)
  - 5) Live a \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pet. 2:12)
  - 6) \_\_\_\_\_ in relationships (Prov. 13:20) – be a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ – maker
  - 7) Walk with \_\_\_\_\_ – our ultimate \_\_\_\_\_
- Remember: *there is no assurance of \_\_\_\_\_*

**#3** – Are you an *outsider*?

## Discussion Questions: Colossians 4:5-6

1. Can you think of some ways that Jesus lived with godly wisdom toward unbelievers and thereby *made the most of the opportunity* in His (earthly) life? Cite specific instances / passages if you can.

Can you think of men and women in the Bible who lived with godly wisdom toward unbelievers and thereby *made the most of the opportunity* in their life? Cite specific instances / passages.

Those who did not?

2. What are some ways that you have personally found helpful in *redeeming the time* in your life?

What are some activities that you have found to be time-gouges and time-wasters that you would like to break free from?

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*?