



Life Church Smyrna
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Part 10: Colossians 4:2-6 NIV

Paul's Theology on Prayer

1. The **Model** of Effective Prayer

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2

A. "Devote yourselves" represents the **will**

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. Luke 18:1

B. "Being watchful" represents the **mind**

"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:41

C. Being "thankful" represents the **heart** (or **emotion**)

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

2. The **Focus** of Effective Prayer

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. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Colossians 4:3-4

The focus, simply put, is on the continual propagation of the gospel message.

- Open doors for the message to go forth
- Proclaim the message
- Proclaim it clearly

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:2

3. The **Result** of Effective Prayer

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Colossians 4:5-6

The result of effective prayer is always primarily the transformation of the one doing the praying.

The result of their faithfulness in prayer is going to be a sensitivity toward the people around them who have yet to be impacted by the Kingdom.

Devoting yourself to missional prayers will result in a missional life.

