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“A vigilant prayer life”

As one writer put it; “we must always remember that we stand tallest and strongest on our knees because this is when we are humbled before God and dependent on His power. As we talk with God, listen to Him, and allow Him to speak to our hearts through His Word, we receive His wisdom and direction.” And as we obey Him, and walk in that wisdom, we become powerful tools for the work of the Gospel. If we are persistent and vigilant in our prayers, for our own walk and for those who share the Word, we will see God do powerful things in our lives and in our world.

Are you living in a dynamic fellowship with Jesus in the Word and in prayer? Or is Bible reading and “saying your prayers” simply a task you do? Talk to God right now; asking the Holy Spirit to lead you into a whole new life in the Word and in prayer that becomes, not a task, but a matter of personal communion with the Living God; the very air that you breathe!

Passage: Colossians 4:2-6

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: Colossians 4:2

As Paul continues in his practical application of living as the new man, he reveals how important a life of prayer is for the new man in Christ. How does he describe this prayer life in verse 2? Would this describe your prayer life? *(If not, stop right now and ask the Holy Spirit begin a work in your life to draw you into a personal communion of prayer with the Living God).*

Scripture: Colossians 4:2

In your own words, why do you think it is important to express “thanksgiving” in your prayer life? How would it help your walk and your witness?

Scripture: Colossians 4:3-4

Who does verse 3 indicate you should be praying for as part of a vigilant prayer life? What should you be specifically be praying for?

Scripture: Colossians 4:5

What does this verse tell you we should be praying for with regards to our witness to the world around us; to “those who are outside”?

Scripture: Colossians 4:6; Ecclesiastes 10:12-13

Not only must our “walk” be wise, but our talk also. How does this verse describe the way we should talk with those who are outside? Why is this important? How does Ecclesiastes describe the one who does not speak with wisdom and grace? How will those we speak to look at us if we don’t?

Personal meditation time with Jesus:

There are so many in the Church that don’t understand the gift or grace of a life of prayer. It is communion with the Living God; speaking to and hearing from Him! It is the power that allows God to take the Word of God and make it personal and specific in our life, changing us through our fellowship with Him.

Take time now, while it’s just you and God, and talk with Him about wanting a sweeter fellowship with Him in prayer so that the work of His Word by the Holy Spirit can raise you to an intimacy that you’ve never experienced before!

Hide God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):

“As for me, I will call upon God, and the Lord shall save me. Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice.”

Psalm 55:16-17