

Equations

Context

Colossians gives us a concise, but comprehensive view of who Jesus is. And with this, an understanding of how the truth of who He is can profoundly impact our personal lives. This New Testament book shows us that he's the supreme factor in every equation of life.

It's always helpful to read an entire book of scripture before digging into each chapter and verse. If you haven't yet, it would be good to read all of Colossians before beginning this week's study. You will definitely want to read the first twenty-three verses of chapter one.

In this section Paul gives some very clear counsel on how to share your faith in Jesus Christ with others. Couple this practical instruction with his motivation behind it, which comes out clearly earlier in Colossians and you have some great insights into this important topic. This set of verses is short yet very instructive and challenging.

Reread Colossians 4:2-6

1. When you think about sharing your faith what is your gut reaction? If there were an open door with a neighbor you were talking to what would be the thoughts going through your mind?
2. Why was Paul so motivated to share his faith in Jesus Christ? (Reread Colossians 1:15-23)
3. As you work through this passage what are the specific things he says: "to do"?
4. How important does the priority of prayer come out in these few verses?
5. How would you rate your prayer life? What has contributed to it being this way?
6. What are some prayer burdens that you currently have that clearly need God's power to be answered? What people that are far from God are you praying for?
7. Reread verse 4. Notice that Paul lived with the sense that he'd been entrusted with the Gospel and he needed to share it. Has that same conviction hit home in your heart?
8. What effective ways have you found to share your faith with others? What things have been ineffective?
9. Reread verse 5. What needs to be present in the life of the person that is: "making the most of EVERY opportunity"?
10. Reread verse 6. How can you have a conversation that is both: full of grace, yet full of truth?