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# What We Need More Than Money

*Colossians 4:2-4*

**‘Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.’ Col. 4:2**

- 1) Make prayer a priority ~ *‘Devote yourselves’***
- 2) Look for things to pray about ~ *‘being watchful’***
- 3) Do it with a good attitude ~ *‘and thankful’***

**‘And pray for us...’ Col. 4:3**

# What are we supposed to pray about?

## 1) That we will have opportunities for ministry

‘And pray for us, that God may open a door for our message...’ *Col. 4:3*

‘...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not overcome it.’  
*Matthew 16:18*

**Offensive...NOT Defensive**

# What are we supposed to pray about?

## 2) That we will proclaim the message of Christ

‘Pray that I may proclaim it clearly...’ *Col. 4:4*

We are responsible to proclaim the gospel clearly, in a way that all will understand

The message: Jesus is Lord and has the power to turn your life around, remove your guilt/shame and replace it with joy/purpose

# What are we supposed to pray about?

3) That we will not let setbacks stand in our way

‘...so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, **for which I am in chains.**’ *Col. 4:3*

**'[I have] been exposed to death again and again. Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers.**

***2 Corinthians 11:23–28***

**I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.'**

***2 Corinthians 11:23–28***

**No matter how attractive giving up is...  
we must remain faithful**

# Challenge: Make Prayer a Priority This Week

*Pray...*

...for our church, leaders, workers and staff

...for open doors to minister to the community

...that we will proclaim the gospel clearly

...that we will do so regardless of what stands  
in our way