

Live Out Loud

Stop Making It So Complicated

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Colossians 4:2-6

I. Pray Regularly (vs. 2-3)

“That God may open to us a door for the word”

Ask the Lord...

Do I pray, expecting God to give me opportunities to talk about Christ?

“Our instinct is to take the spotlight off our lives. After all, we’re understandably embarrassed about the hypocrisy that will be on show. In fact many of us put a high value on our privacy. We’d rather keep people at arm’s length. But God’s approach is different. Work at your lives. Work at your godliness. Work at speaking and behaving in such a way that those around you want what you’ve got! Because then they will listen to what you say.” - Orlando Saer, *Big God*

II. Live Intentionally (vs. 5)

“Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time”

Ask the Lord...

Where in my life am I simply going with the flow rather than intentionally living for Christ?

III. Speak Faithfully (vs. 3-6)

Bold **NOT** Fearful – vs. 3

Clear **NOT** Confusing – vs. 4

Gracious **NOT** Obnoxious – vs. 6

“If any man be a dumb Christian, not professing his faith openly, but cloaking and colouring himself for fear of danger in time to come, he giveth man occasion, justly and with good conscience, to doubt lest he have not the grace of the Holy Ghost within him, because he is tongue tied and doth not speak”
– Bishop John Jewel, *The Second Book of Homilies*

Ask the Lord...

In what ways can I speak about Christ more boldly, clearly, and graciously?