

A Life of Prayer! III

Colossians 4:2-4

NKJ Colossians 4:2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; ³ meanwhile **praying** also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, ⁴ that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

NLT Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. ³ Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. ⁴ Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should.

I

Consider *Acts 16:1-9... Vs 3*

Every opportunity is not an assignment.

The paradox is we should pray for opportunities then discern if they are Holy Ghost assignments.

An assignment is a God ordained and authorized mission.

II

Consider *Revelation 3:7... Vs 3*

Jesus is described as the One “who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens.”

Consider *Acts 12:1-11...*

Our continual prayers can open doors of opportunity for the gospel to be preached.

III

Consider *Romans 1:16* and *1 Corinthians 9:16...Vs 4*

Preaching the gospel is the power of God leading to salvation.

We can never boast in ourselves, from power God releases when we preach.

Paul wanted people to pray that he would speak as he ought to speak, as God wanted him to speak.

This should be our prayer for everyone who proclaims Christ.

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