

A Life of Prayer! V

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.

I

There are many forms of preaching the gospel.

There is **experience centered** evangelism which is based on a person's testimony of personal feelings and experiences.

There is **ego-focused** evangelism which sells Jesus as the panacea for all of life's problems and as the source of earthly comfort, well-being, and prosperity.

There is **expedience** evangelism which is high-pressure tactics, manipulation, cleverness, emotional stimulation, or techniques to force commitments.

Consider *Romans 1:14*...

We owe people the true gospel, we are *debtors*.

II

Consider *Romans 1:15*...

We should be *ready* to proclaim the gospel to all.

A false gospel produces false **conversions** and **professions** of faith.

Consider *Matthew 13:19-22* and *James 2:14-26*

III

^{NKJ} *Romans 1:16* For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ**, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Preach...

^{KJV} *Romans 3:23* For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

^{KJV} *Romans 6:23* For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

^{NKJ} *Romans 5:8* But **God demonstrates** His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

^{NKJ} *Romans 10:13* For "**whoever calls** on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

^{NKJ} *Romans 10:9* that **if you confess** with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Pray that we would open our mouths and preach the gospel without compromise.

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