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Ch 4:2-6

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God wants us to pray

What does it mean to pray?

- Talking to God
- Asking him for stuff
- The offering up to God of our desires

What does God delight in our Prayers?

- It models the main thing we need is Him
 - Lk. 18:1-8, Lk. 11:5-13
- It speaks to His Character:
 - Infinitely Resourceful
 - Willing to give (Askers are needy and givers are self-sufficient)

Ps. 90:15

The result is we enjoy and his Glory is revealed!

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Three ways he wants us to pray:

1. Steadfastly - Devoted, Consistent and Intentional
2. Be watchful - Keeping alert in it

Now how do we do this practically?

- Have a designated time and place to pray
- Have a Focus (A list, your Bible)
- Be disciplined and prepare to pray i.e. go to sleep so you can be awake.

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Three ways he wants us to pray:

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2. Be watchful - Keeping alert in it
3. With Thanksgiving - Gratitude/Gratefulness

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What are you to pray?

1. Open door for the word
2. A clear and powerful word to go through the door (Acts 14:27. 1Cor. 16:9, 2Cor. 2:12)

*You must have both in tandem for gospel infiltration.

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Observations

- Paul moves from indirect battle to direct battle
- Paul moves from his own evangelism (v.2-4) to their evangelism (v.5-6)

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What is wisdom?

- Wise and Skillful Living (the application of knowledge and understanding)

What is the goal of wisdom here?

- To see people become Christians (Prov.11:30)

How do you accomplish the goal?

- Living so as not to bring reproach upon the church
- Prayer and Submission (Col. 3:16)

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Making the best of the time

-Trying to accomplish as much kingdom good as you can in the relationship

Understanding "Time"

- "Appointed Time" i.e. Destiny

Making the best of the time - Seizing an appointed opportunity.

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1. Walk in wisdom toward outsiders
2. Salty speech toward outsiders
3. Personal focus toward outsiders i.e. Spiritual Agility in Evangelism

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The reasoning behind indicatives and imperatives Lead back to Christ:

Enjoying Jesus

And giving room for others to enjoy Jesus.