

## Further Instructions

### I. We impact our world for Jesus with our prayers.

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. <sup>3</sup> At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— <sup>4</sup> that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. Colossians 4:2–4 ESV

#### 1) Be devoted to prayer. Continue steadfastly in Prayer.

Then Jesus spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, <sup>2</sup> saying: “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. <sup>3</sup> Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’ <sup>4</sup> And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’ <sup>6</sup> Then the Lord said, “Hear what the unjust judge said. <sup>7</sup> And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?” Luke 18:1-8

#### 2) Be(ing) watchful in it” (prayer).

**Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Matthew 26:41 ESV**

As Christians, we cannot isolate ourselves or close ourselves off from what is going on around us.

#### 3) Pray with thanksgiving.

Our hearts should always overflow with thanksgiving to God when we pray ---- if for no other reason than we know that God hears our prayers and he answers our prayers!

#### 4) Focus our prayers on God.

**At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word .... Vs 3**

We are to ask God to open the door for the gospel.

#### 5) Pray that God will guide us as to what to say.

### II. We impact our world for Jesus with our conduct.

**Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Colossians 4:5 ESV**

We do not have to be perfect to be effective, but our life should have some kind of reflection of who we serve.

- The way we act should be something that attracts people to Jesus.
- What we do should bring glory to Jesus.
- How we deal with people should help them see we have something they need.

### III. We impact our world for Jesus with our speech.

**Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. Colossians 4:6 ESV**

The way we speak, what we say and how we say it can be either a blessing to our efforts or a roadblock.

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God has called ALL of us to be impact players on His team.

The question is “do you want to impact your world”?

Focusing on prayer, our conduct and our speech can enhance our ability to make an impact in our world.

- ✓ Do you have a list of lost souls you are praying for?
- ✓ Are you trying to reflect Jesus in your conduct?
- ✓ Is your speech filled with grace as a person who has received the grace of Jesus in your life?