Wise Witnesses

Colossians 4:5-6

Introduction

What is the purpose of the church?

We are to know him and make him known.

• “He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach.” Mark 3:14

• “Go and make disciples of all nations.” Matthew 28:19

• “You will be my witnesses.” Acts 1:8

How do we do this well?

One of the barriers that keep us from sharing the gospel is fear.

Paul had those same fears.

Paul prayed for:

• God to open doors for the gospel. Verse 3

• Clarity in presenting the gospel. Verse 4

• Boldness – “Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.” Ephesians 6:19-20

I. Pray wisely. Colossians 4:2-4

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Prayer is where the battle is fought and people are won to Christ.
• God’s part is to open the doors.
• Our part is to share the message.

A godly life is a powerful witness.

When we do that Paul says:
• Let your conversation be always full of grace.
• Let your speech be seasoned with salt.
• Speak in a way that is appropriate for each person.

II. Live wisely. Colossians 4:5
"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders."
"Make the most of every opportunity."

III. Speak wisely. Colossians 4:6
At some point we need to share the gospel with words.

“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”
1 Peter 3:15
We need to know the gospel and be able to present it clearly.
- Personal Testimony
- The Four Spiritual Laws
- The Romans Road – Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8 and 10:9-10
- Steps to Peace With God

There are also resources that can help us to answer questions that people have.
- The Apologetics Study Bible from Holman Bible Publishers
- Evidence That Demands a Verdict by Josh McDowell
- The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel
- The Reason for God by Timothy Keller

Conclusion

Jesus calls us to know him and to make him known.

Pray wisely.

Live wisely.
Speak wisely.