

January 17, 2021 - Unrelenting Prayer

(Shawn, please don't put this on the screen until I'm reading it.)

Second question: "Who that you have been fervently praying for is going to come to faith in Christ? - Don't give up!"

Colossians 4:2-6

V.2 - 'Maintain an earnest persistence in prayer while remaining alert and in an attitude of thankfulness.'

While staying aware of their life situations...

...remaining ever thankful to God because you **KNOW** He hears, He cares, and He will act.

- Luke 18:1-8 - Jesus taught His disciples that, "they should always pray and not give up."

Vv.3-4 - A good example of how we should pray for ourselves and one another with regard to our sharing endeavors.

- That God would orchestrate opportunities for our witness.

- For God to enable us to clearly reveal ('make manifest') the mystery of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

V.5 - Exercise godly wisdom in the way you live so that unbelievers who see you and how you live may be drawn to faith in God by your life.

- As Paul taught in Romans and Galatians, we must live by the Holy Spirit of God and not by the flesh.

- Then, exercising that godly wisdom, make the most of the sharing opportunities God provides.

- Ephesians 5:15-16

V.6 - Let your speech be always with the graciousness that reflects Christlikeness...

...love, humility, compassion and respect for the one with whom you are speaking.

- "Seasoned with salt" = Our speech is to be wholesome, inoffensive, pleasant, flavorful, lively and enthusiastic.

Trust that God will orchestrate the pursuit unto salvation, as demonstrated in Acts 10 and Acts 16.

Do you and I care enough to fervently pray for the lost people we know?

- Are we?

Do we care enough to share our faith and the Gospel with them?

Where would YOU be if no one had shared with you?