

**How to Turn the World Upside Down for Christ**  
**Colossians 4:2-6**

**Pastor Wes – May 10, 2026**

- I. **Devoted Prayer (vv. 2-4)**
  - A. Pray Persistently – *devote yourselves*
  - B. Pray Watchfully – *keeping alert*
  - C. Pray Thankfully – *an attitude of thanksgiving*
  - D. Pray Evangelistically – *open door for the Word*
    - 1. Gospel Opportunity
    - 2. Gospel Clarity
- II. **Wise Living (v. 5)**
- III. **Gracious Speech (v. 6)**

1) How do you think the guidance in this passage can help both the local church and the world outside the church?

2) In verse 2, we are challenged to be devoted to prayer.

a. What does the word “devoted” mean?

b. What would be the outward indications that a believer is devoted to prayer?

c. What could be some reasons why a believer might not become devoted to prayer?

3) Why is the habit of taking things for granted the enemy of both prayer and spiritual health?

- 4) As we pray for the salvation of specific people by name, how does our personal knowledge of them become important for the content of that prayer?
  
- 5) Why is praying for gospel opportunities the most important step in personal evangelism?
  
- 6) How can one “make the most out of every opportunity” among “outsiders”?
  
- 7) Part of functioning wisely in a lost world requires our speech to be gracious, as though “seasoned with salt”. What does that mean? (Matt 5:13, Exodus 30:35, 2 Kings 2:19-21, and Job 6:6 could help stimulate your thinking.) How can apply this command to our every day conversations?

**Application:** Here are the four challenges Pastor Wes gave us at the end of his message.

1. Strengthen your devotion to prayer
2. Grow in your efforts to pray evangelistically
3. Endeavor to live wisely, strategically, and winsomely in order to win people for Christ
4. Prepare yourself with a ready response when people question you about your faith

**Is there a growth opportunity for you somewhere in these statements? Ask the Lord to help you identify it and to help you pursue it.**