

LESSON 12

Improving Your Communication With God and People Part 1 (Colossians 4:2-6)

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Colossians 4:2-4

2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. 3 And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. 4 Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

Colossians 4:5-6

5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

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What is character?

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What does this statement mean and how do you see this statement being true?

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Jesus says: for the mouth speaks what the heart is full of (Matthew 12:34c).

IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNICATION WITH GOD AND PEOPLE

Part 1 – With God

**Pray
Persistently**

**Pray
Watchfully**

**Pray
Thankfully**

**Pray
Specifically**



**Pray
Cooperatively**

PRAY PERSISTENTLY

Colossians 4:2

2 Devote (be steadfast) yourselves to prayer

What does this look like?



Jesus says ... *ask and it will be given, seek and you will find; knock and the door will be open to you* (Luke 11:9).

Ask Seek Knock

Verbs in their present tense

Keep on asking
Keep on seeking
Keep on knocking

PRAY PERSISTENT

Sometimes persistence is necessary to receive an answer.

Not trying to persuade God to do something He does not want to do.

**It is
for our
benefit !**

PRAY WATCHFULLY

Colossians 4:2

2 ... being watchful

What does this look like?



*I thank my God
every time
I remember you.
(Philippians 1:3)*



PRAY THANKFULLY

Colossians 4:2

2 ... being thankful

What does this look like?



Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

(Philippians 4:6)

It's all [★]in the
{ **Attitude** }

PRAY SPECIFICALLY

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What does this look like?

Why is this important?

PRAY COOPERATIVELY

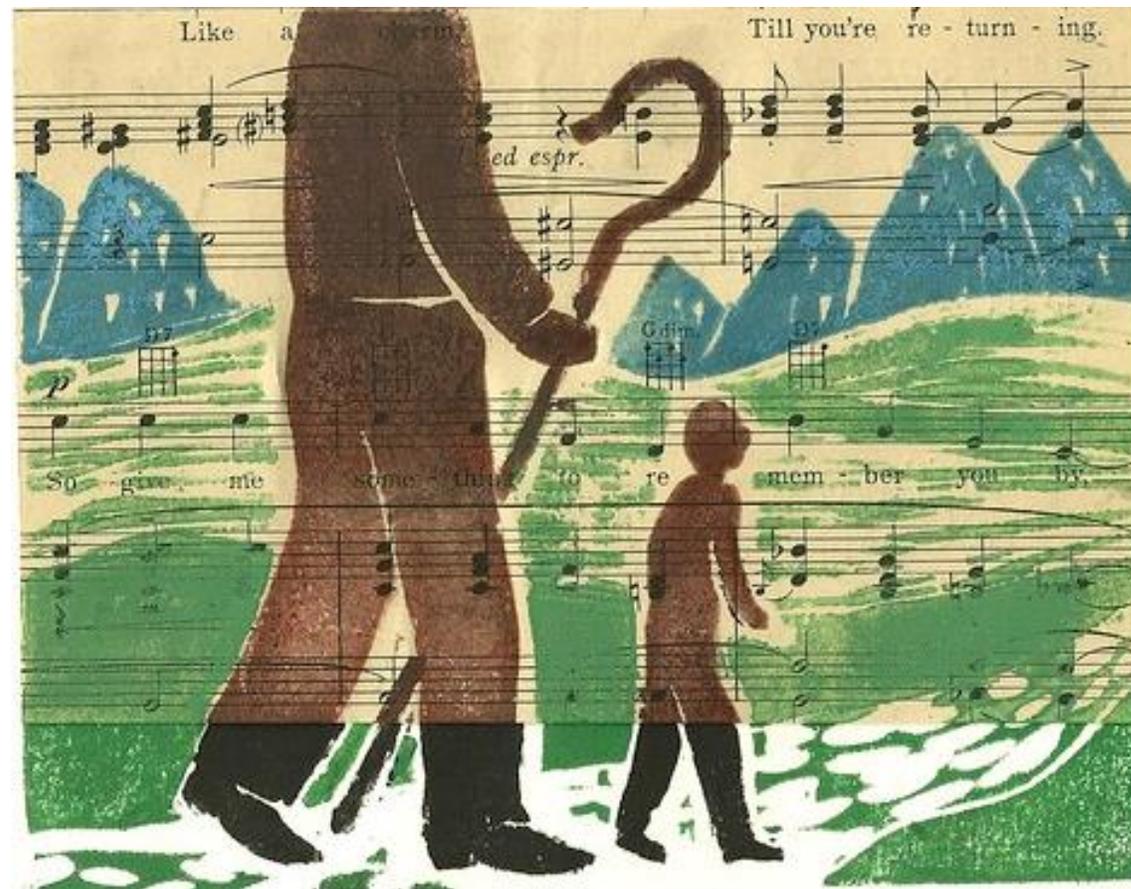
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Savior like a shepherd lead me

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A FINAL THOUGHT ON THIS

