

Open Doors and Prison Cells

Colossians 4:2-4

² Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ 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— ⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

Gospel witness requires _____ on God.

"Continue steadfastly in prayer ..."

Prayer is an acknowledgment that the decisive work of salvation belongs to _____.

Prayer is not an _____ to sovereignty.

Prayer is one of the _____ through which the sovereign God accomplishes His purposes.

Pray _____.

Don't give up because nothing seems to be happening.

Pray _____.

Remember what God has already done in Christ, and pray with confidence in the God who saves.

God provides what we _____ to make Christ _____.

"At the same time, pray also for us..."

Paul is sitting behind a locked door asking God to _____ a door.

Our prayers are often directed toward God making our circumstances _____.

Paul is praying for God to make his circumstances _____.

Two things we desperately need:

1) God-given _____.

"that God may open to us a door for the word..."

Whose name have you stopped praying for because you have quietly decided the door is closed?

2) God-enabled _____.

"...to declare the mystery of Christ... that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak."

Make Christ clear:

Who Christ _____.

Why sinners _____ Him.

What He accomplished through His _____ and _____.

How we must respond to Him in _____ and _____.

An _____ door demands an _____ Christian.

"... being watchful in it ..."

Don't pray for open doors with your _____.

_____ says:

I cannot open the door.

_____ says:

God, please open the door.

_____ says:

I am looking for the door You open.

_____ says:

When You open it, I will walk through it.