

## Watchful Living in a Watching World

Colossians 4:5-6

<sup>5</sup> *Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.* <sup>6</sup> *Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*

### Introduction – Transition from Paul to Them (and Us)

*"... that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak."* (v. 4)

*"... Let your speech ... that you may know how you ought to answer each person."* (v. 6)

Making Jesus known isn't just the responsibility of missionaries and pastors.  
That belongs to \_\_\_\_\_.

### Several Presuppositions:

There are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Opportunities to reach outsiders are not \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ matter.

Every person is \_\_\_\_\_.

### Context – The Public Perception of Christians

They were trying to make Christ known in a world that already had \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ about them.

And so are we.

We don't step out into a \_\_\_\_\_.

That's why we need \_\_\_\_\_.

### What Wisdom Demands

Wisdom requires \_\_\_\_\_ both in how we \_\_\_\_\_ *and* how we \_\_\_\_\_.

Our lives matter because they either **reinforce or undermine** the message we proclaim. But a life, by itself, cannot explain the gospel. At some point, **we have to speak**.

### Wise speech is:

\_\_\_\_\_ — the \_\_\_\_\_ of my speech

What shapes the way I speak?

\_\_\_\_\_ — The \_\_\_\_\_ of my speech

Do I communicate truth in a way that invites attention and response?

\_\_\_\_\_ — The \_\_\_\_\_ of my speech

Do I actually know what I am talking about?

\_\_\_\_\_ — the \_\_\_\_\_ of my speech

Do I know how to speak that truth to *this particular person*?

### Conclusion – Make the Most of It