

**A Prayer for Open Doors, Open Mouths and Open Lives
(Colossians 4:2-6)**

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What do you find most difficult about sharing your faith in Christ with others?

Where is the biblical balance between sensitivity and boldness?

To what extent should we go against our personality in witnessing?

Should a shy person be bold?

How can we be more alert to opportunities for presenting the gospel?

In Colossians 4:2-6 the apostle Paul gives us **three pieces of advice in being a wise witness for Christ:**

1. To be a wise witness for Christ **devote yourself to prayer** and **make the most of every opportunity**. It is a prayer for **Open Doors (4:2-3)**

2. To be a wise witness for Christ **talk about the content of the Gospel**. It is a prayer for **Open Mouths (4:4)**

3. To be a wise witness for Christ **back your talk with your walk and talk about the Gospel in a winsome manner**. It is a prayer for **Open Lives (4:5-6)**

The point of God's counsel through Paul to us this morning is two-fold:

- ✓ Be willing to seize the opportunities God gives you; don't be silent.
- ✓ Be gracious and gentle in your reply.

That is what we all *can* do, from the youngest Christian to the most mature believer. And that is what we *must* do to serve Christ as his witnesses here on earth.

My Prayer

"Heavenly Father/ help me to be consistent in my prayer life/. Give me vigilant eyes and a thankful heart/. Place before me/ open doors of opportunity/ that I might share your precious Word/ and present the truth about Jesus Christ/ with others who need you./

Father/ give me Holy Spirit power/ to open my mouth boldly/ that I might make Your Word crystal clear/ that others might easily understand it./

And help me to back up my witness for Christ/ by a clean life that honors Christ./ Give me wisdom/ in what I say to others/ and how I live./ I pray my words will always be gracious/ interesting and sensitive/ that I may know how I ought to answer their questions/. Help me to be a wise witness for Christ/. In whose name we pray." Amen."