
Persist in Prayer

Colossians 4:2-6

I.) From the sermon [give a brief answer]

Colossians 4:2 *"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful"* (NIV)

What are four principles of "Devote in Payers"? Explain each one

1. F _____ -- James 5:16

DANGER.. Apostle Paul before his conversion

2. I _____ -- I Thessalonians 5:17

3. R _____ -- Matthew 6:33, Isaiah 56:7

4. E _____ -- Ephesians 6:19, Psalm 67:1-2, Exodus 3:7 & 10 Matthew 28:19-20, Matthew 5:16, Revelation 7:9

BE WATCHFUL -- Colossians 4:2, Matthew 26:41

Temptation: selfishness

Temptation: only focus on feelings.

Temptation: worry when facing tough times and difficult people

BE THANKFUL-- Colossians 4:2

CONCLUSION

Continue to be devoted to God's Kingdom and to prayer.

Continue to be watchful.

Continue to be thankful.

4) How do you apply these biblical principles to your life this week

**** Colossians 4:2 "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful" (NIV)**

Do a verse study using the form on the next page.

II)

Memorize

Colossians

4:2

Verse Study Form

Using the suggested memory verse marked with an asterisk from the opposite page, complete this verse study form.

1. Verse reference _____

2. List two key words and define them.

Key Word _____

Definition _____

Key Word _____

Definition _____

3. What does the verse say?

(Paraphrase—Rewrite the verse in your own words.)

4. How can you apply the truth of this verse to your life today?

Closing (Prayer time and assignment for next week)

For Small Groups Bible Study

*A Few Suggested Discussion Questions

--From the Scripture texts and sermon outline (like usual each week)

--From additional Scripture references to prayer like 2 Chronicles 7:XX and "Ask and you will receive" & James 4:2-3

*For the advanced groups--

--How would meditating on a verse of Scripture all day benefit your prayer life? (Psalm 1:2 and 1 Thess 5:17)

--Micah 6:8--We know prayer helps us walk humbly with God, but how can it help us "do justice and love mercy"?

--What are the implications of our church building being a "house of prayer for all nations"? <Isaiah 56:7>

--What can we learn from Nehemiah about the relationship between working and praying?

--What is the relationship between praying in private and praying in public?