

## DOES GOD HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TO ME?

COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

ABOUT PRAYER: WHY BOTHER?

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. 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. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*

1. An **ABSENCE** of prayer in our lives results in a lack of confidence in God because we have little or no experience of God's presence!

*I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

Ephesians 3:16-19 (NIV)

2. Often we don't realize what we have. Thankfulness produces an **AWARENESS** of God in our lives.
3. We are encouraged to be watchful or **ALERT** when we pray. We flounder in the following areas when we are not intentional in prayer:

Our *relationship* with God.

Our *relationships* with people.

Our *attitudes* and *actions*, (this is the frontline of life).

Our *passion* for those who don't know Christ.

6. We often fail to see the connection between prayer and **ATTRACTING** people to Christ. We can pray for two things:

**OPPORTUNITY**

**CLARITY**