## LESSON 10 COLOSSIANS 4:2-18

	view your memory verses from Colossians. emorize Colossians 4:6 Yes! Said to	
Re	Read Colossians 4:2-18 slowly and prayerfully twice12.  Read aloud Colossians 4:2-6.	
1.	In Colossians 4:2-6, on what general subjects does Paul give instructions?	
2.	From verse 2 what do each of the following mean: a) devote yourselves to prayer	
	b) keeping alert (or being watchful) in it	
3.	What does including thanksgiving in our praying do for us?	
4.	Verses 3 and 4 give some specific prayer requests that Paul gave the Colossians. What	
	were they?	
5.	Does God work through our prayers? Support your answer from verses 3 and 4.	

7. What does "conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders" mean (NASB, verse 5)? (Don't guess. Re-read Colossians and note all that we're told about living wisely. Now Paul may not use those words every time, but the principles are there.)

6. What two things should verses 3 and 4 encourage us to do?

8. What does it mean to make the most of every opportunity, and how does wise conduct relate to that?

9. Verse 6 instructs us to let our speech always be with grace. Someone has suggested this means that the believer speaks as one who has experienced and is experiencing the grace of God. If you are aware of God's grace and merciful dealings *with you*, how will this affect your attitudes and thus your speech in responding to *others*?

10. Give 2 or 3 specific situations where verse 6 should be put into practice even though our natural inclination would be to respond with biting criticism, sarcasm, a put-down, unthinking comments or the good old silent treatment.

## Read Colossians 4:7-18.

11. List each person Paul mentions, and tell what you know about them from this passage.

12. Verses 7-9 say that Tychicus and Onesimus will inform the Colossians of Paul's situation and that the Colossians will be encouraged. Write two or three sentences as though you were one of these two men reporting on Paul. (What would you say about Paul's situation that would bring both reality and encouragement? Get your information from the book of Colossians.)

13. Verse 10 speaks of Barnabas' cousin Mark. <u>Read</u> Acts 13:5, 13; Acts 15:36-39. What had been Paul's relationship with Mark, and now what change can you tell has taken place? Who would you guess was responsible for the change in this young man's life? (The John in Acts 13:13 is John Mark.)

14. What application does the answer to question 13 have to you?

15. <u>Rewrite</u> verse 17, putting your own name in place of Archippus and substituting for the word "ministry" or "work" that which God has actually given *you* to do.

16. Thinking of Paul's instructions in Colossians 4:2-6 and the men mentioned in verses 7-17, write a prayer in response to what you've learned in this passage. (This kind of exercise keeps our knowledge from being merely academic. So please do it!)

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