

## Are You Connected? Colossians 4:2-8

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; 3 praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; 4 that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak. 5 Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. 6 Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person. 7 As to all my affairs, Tychicus, our beloved brother and faithful servant and fellow bond-servant in the Lord, will bring you information.

**Get Connected**—to join or become joined; unite, associate, think of as being related.

**Connection**—a junction, association or relationship;

- I. Christians are called to connect with **Christ**. (v.2-4)

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1. We connect with Christ by a **devoted** prayer life. (v.1a)

*“Devote yourselves to prayer”*

2. We connect with Christ by a **discerning** prayer life. (v.1b)

*“keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving;”*

3. We connect with Christ by a **dynamic** prayer life. (v.3)

“Praying at the same time for us as well, that **God will open up to us a door for the word,**”

- II. Christians are called to connect with the **community**. (v.5-6)

Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. 6 Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

1. Our **conduct** in the community affects our connection. (v.5a)

*Conduct yourselves with wisdom* toward outsiders,

2. Our **commitment** in the community affects our connection. (v.5b)

“...making the most of the ***opportunity.***”

3. Our **conversations** in the community affect our connection.

***Let your speech always be with grace,*** as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

- III. Christians are called to connect with the local **church**. (v.7)

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1. Our church connection offers **meaningful** relationships. (Col 4:8)

For I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know about our circumstances and ***that he may encourage your hearts;***

2. Our church connection offers **mission** opportunities. (Col 4:9)

And with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of your number. They will inform you about the whole situation here.

3. Our church connection offers **ministry** responsibilities. (Col 4:17)

Say to Archippus, "***Take heed to the ministry*** which you have received in the Lord, ***that you may fulfill it.***

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