

**Colossians 4:2**

**2** Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

**3** At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—

**4** that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. <sup>ESV</sup>

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## APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read Romans 12:12.** Constant prayer sounds straightforward until we examine our own lives. What do you think explains the gap between what we know we should do and what we actually do?
2. **Read Daniel 6:10.** Daniel obviously had some established patterns and habits for his prayer life. What specific patterns could you build into your daily life to make your praying more consistent and sustainable?
3. **Read 1 Peter 4:7.** Beyond simply finding a time and a place to pray, what practically helps you show up mentally – fully present and genuinely engaged, rather than just going through the motions?
4. **Read 1 Timothy 2:1-3.** Most of us spend the bulk of our prayer time on ourselves and our immediate circle. What are the most common excuses Christians make for not praying more broadly for others?
5. **Read Colossians 4:3-6.** Paul prays for open doors, clear proclamation, and wise, gracious witness toward outsiders. Why should we all be motivated to pray for gospel advancement, clarity, and skill in sharing Christ?

Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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Spurgeon, C. H. *The Power of Prayer in a Believer's Life*. Emerald Books, 1996.

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We want to Apply all that we learned about prayer this weekend at our Prayer Meeting on Monday night at 7:00 PM!

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