

COLOSSIANS – 4:1-3

“Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds”

- Colossians 4:3

1. 4:1 – Just and Equal

- a. No respect of persons applied to the poor and the rich – Lev 19:15, Rom 2:9-11,16
- b. Servants can receive for the wrong, so can the Masters - Col 3:25, Eph 6:9
- c. Wrong shall be recompensed; do right – Gal 6:7, 1 Thess 4:6, Phm 6, 14, 18-19
- d. “Just and equal” –not min. wage, but as you would be treated –Gal 5:14, 1Cor 6:7

2. 4:2 – Continue In Prayer

- a. Paul’s prays for those he writes to – Col 1:3, Phm 4
- b. Prayer should not decrease when you learn grace - 1 Thess 5:17-18
- c. Prayer aligns our heart and mind with truth – Phil 4:7, 1 Tim 2:1-4
- d. Prayer is doctrinal; it is not covenantal today – Mat 21:22 vs. Eph 3:20
- e. Prayers makes requests (Phil 4:6) worships (Phil 2:10) gives thanks (1Thess 2:13)
- f. “Watch” – Guard your prayers that they do not become selfish - Phil 4:6
- g. Praying for others produces performance - Col 1:9, Tim 2:1-3, Thess 5:25, Eph6:18

3. 4:3 – Open Doors and God’s Will

- a. An open door = opportunity; People wait on God for opportunity
- b. Paul’s alternative to an open door is a closed one, not the window – 2 Thess 3:1-2
- c. “Lord willing” – it comes from James 4:14-15; it speaks of doing the will of God
- d. It is not a hope and a wish, “Hail Mary”, a God stamp, or cross your heart
- e. Paul is doing the will of the Lord in his travels – 1 Cor 4:19, Acts 18:21, 19:21
- f. Does Paul go against the Lord’s will? Of course not. - Acts 21:11-14
- g. Paul’s prayer did not come true, the door was not opened - Rom 15:30-32
- h. Paul purposes according to the Lord’s will – 1 Cor 16:5-7
- i. An “open door” is not the easiest path or convenient – 1 Cor 16:5-6 (Mat 26:39)
- j. Open doors refer to the reception of the gospel; not your comfort – 2 Cor 2:13-14
- k. Do the work, press on, if the door is closed, move on – 2 Tim 4:2-3