

The Place of Prayer in our Proclamation of the World God

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Colossians 4:2-4.

B. Prayer is to be a lifestyle.

C. We are to pray that doors of opportunity might be open and that people might know how to share the gospel well.

II. The place that God will prepare a person to share the Word is related to the preparation that a person puts forth ahead of time.

A. If God has called a person, He already has his place picked out.

B. We ought to pray for a place to share the Word, but God has already chosen that place.

III. We need to pray for an opportunity to share the Word of God.

A. This is step number one.

B. We must ask if we want to make an impression or an impact.

C. Prayer is the greatest time saver in preparing the Word.

D. A sermon should be the expression of something that God has already done in one's life.

E. Prayerless preaching is powerless preaching.

F. We need to learn to depend upon God in order to be effective in our preaching.

G. One of the wisest things a person can do is to get people to pray for him.

H. Pride must be dealt with before preaching.

I. Faithful, fruitful, fearless, and fervency will describe the person's ministry, which is saturated in prayer.

Application questions:

1. How can it be said that prayer helps a person to be more efficient in developing a sermon?

2. Why is it important to pray for an opportunity ahead of time?

3. How is prayer the anecdote to pride in ministry? Explain.
