

MUCH PRAYER, MUCH POWER

Colossians 4:2-4

²Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.

³Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. ⁴Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should.

Paul has given the Colossians a lot of commands already. *What did he tell them to do?*

- 2:6
- 2:8
- 2:16, 18
- 3:1
- 3:2
- 3:5, 8, 9
- 3:12
- 3:15
- 3:16
- 3:18
- 3:19 (two)
- 3:20
- 3:21
- 3:22, 23
- 4:1

What do you think of when you think of someone “devoted to prayer”?

Is that what Paul meant? Look at how this word is used in these verses.

- *Romans 12:12*
- *Acts 6:4*
- *Acts 2:42*

By that standard, how devoted are you to prayer?

Why do you think prayer is so important that Paul commands them to give themselves to it?

How would having “an alert mind and a thankful heart” help devoted prayer?

What two things were they to pray for Paul (4:3-4)?

What was Paul’s big concern in all of this and why is that so important (4:4)?