

# Sunday, March 19, 2023

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

## Title: Paul's Concluding Counsel and Greetings

**Series:** Growing in Our Walk,  
a Journey Through Colossians...8

**Text:** Colossians 4:1 - 18

**Purpose:** I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to guard their PRAYER life for it ALIGNS our ATTITUDES with the Holy Spirit.

### Introduction:

Review of last week's devotional entitled  
'Steps to Putting on the New Self':

- ~ 1. Acknowledge My Need
- ~ 2. Adjust My Focus
- ~ 3. Agree with God
- ~ 4. Attire Myself with God's Gift
- ~ 5. Apply in Daily Life

~ If you had one last opportunity to give counsel to a special loved one, what sage advice would you offer to them? (My Grandfather's last words!)

~ 2 Timothy 3:16 – 17, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, (17) that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

These words, to my knowledge, are Paul's last words to the Believers in Colossae.

### 1. Walk Steadfastly in Prayer:

~ vs. 2, "Continue steadfastly (G4342) in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."

G4342 from Thayer's Greek Lexicon: to be steadfastly attentive unto, to give unremitting care to, to continue, to persevere, not to faint

"Prayer and worship are perhaps the highest uses of the gift of speech." By Warren W. Wiersbe

~ 1 John 5:14 – 15, "And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. (15) And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him."

~ Matthew 6:9 – 13

~ Ephesians 1:15 – 23

~ Colossians 1:9 – 14

'My Utmost for His Highest' by Oswald Chambers,  
March 12

### 2. Walk with an Attitude of Thanksgiving:

~ Colossians 1:12 - 14, "giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. (13) He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, (14) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

~ Ephesians 1:3 – 10

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 18, "Rejoice always, (17) pray without ceasing, (18) give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

### 3. Walk in Wisdom:

~ vs. 5, "Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time."

~ 1 Thessalonians 4:11 – 12, "and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands as we instructed you, (12) so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one."

~ 1 Timothy 3:7, "Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a share of the devil."

~ Ephesians 4:29, "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear."

### 4. Walk in Fellowship:

~ vs. 7, Tychicus a faithful minister and servant

~ vs. 9, Onesimus a faithful brother

~ vs. 10, Aristarchus my fellow prisoner (loyal)

~ vs.10, Mark the matured disciple

~ vs. 11, Jesus called Justus was a fellow worker

~ vs. 12, Epaphras a servant and prayer warrior

~ vs. 14, Luke the learned man (a physician)

~ vs. 15, Nympha a faithful sister

~ vs. 17, Archippus a man with a ministry (Philemon 1:2)

**Conclusion:** Prayer