**Colossians**

*Keys to Reaching the Lost*

*Colossians 4:5 - 6*

Background

* 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; (Eph 5:14-19)

Walk in Wisdom

* A Fool
  + Hates knowledge
    - How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? (Prov 1:22)
  + Takes no pleasure in understanding
    - A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself. (Prov 18:2)
    - 21 ¶ The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning. 22 ¶ Understanding *is* a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools *is* folly. 23 ¶ The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips. 24 ¶ Pleasant words *are as* an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones. (Prov 16:21-24)
  + Speaks Perversity
    - Better *is* the poor that walketh in his integrity, than *he that is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool. (Prov 19:1)
  + Is Quick-Tempered
    - A fool’s wrath is presently known: but a prudent *man* covereth shame. (Prov 12:16)
  + Is Proud
    - In the mouth of the foolish *is* a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them. (Prov 14:3)
  + Is Sexually Immoral
    - *But* whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he *that* doeth it destroyeth his own soul. (Prov 6:32)
  + NOTE: He that walketh with wise *men* shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed. (Prov 13:20)

Redeem the Time

Speak

* With Grace
  + The words of a wise man’s mouth *are* gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself. (Ecclesiastes 10:12)
  + Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations. (1 Chron 16:24)
  + 30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment. 31 The law of his God *is* in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. (Ps 37:30-31)
  + 15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers *thereof*. 16 I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even* of thine only. 17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. 18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto *this* generation, *and* thy power to every one *that* is to come. (Psalms 71:15-18)
* Seasoned with Salt
  + Salt (217) (halas) refers to natural salt which purifies, cleanses, seasons, preserves from corruption
  + Purifies / Cleanses
  + Seasons
  + Preserves from Corruption
  + Salt *is* good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another. (Mark 9:50)

Why?

* To Know HOW We Ought to Answer Every Man