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*Be Devoted to Praying Consistently*

*Colossians 4:2-4*

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**Be devoted to praying consistently:**

1) ... with active vigilance

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it ...”

2) ... with proactively grateful language

“Continue steadfastly in prayer ... with thanksgiving.”

3) ... for God-authored opportunities for the gospel to be actively proclaimed

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[God] is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith.

- Romans 16:25-26

[The LORD declares] ...“So shall my word be that goes out of my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.” – Isaiah 55:11

“Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?” – Jeremiah 23:29

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. – Hebrews 4:12