



# Talking Matters

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**in order that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak. Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person.**

# Prayer Matters

**Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving. (2)**

John MacArthur says: Praying at all times is not necessarily limited to constant vocalizing of prayers to God. Rather, it refers to a God consciousness that relates every experience in life to Him.

# The Gospel Matters

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We are to pray and seek open doors...then be prepared to carry out our commission.

# Our Conversation Matters

**Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person. (5-6)**

Avoid the legalistic speech so often attributed to Christians...seasoned with grace.

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- Talk with God
- Talk about the Gospel
- Talk with grace to all