



Chapter 4

Never underestimate the power of speech!!! A judge says a few words, and a man's life is saved or condemned. A doctor speaks a few words, and a patient either rejoices ecstatically or gives up in despair. Whether the communication is oral or written, there is great power in words. I am told that for every word in Adolph Hitler's book *Mein Kampf*, 125 persons lost their lives in World War II. The power of speech is a gift from God, and it must be used the way God ordains. In the Book of James, the tongue is compared to a bridle and a rudder, a fire and a poisonous animal, and a fruitful tree and a fountain (James 3). These three pairs of pictures teach us that the tongue has the power to direct, the power to destroy, and the power to delight. The tongue is but a little member in our bodies, but it can accomplish great things for good or for evil.

1. In this brief section, Paul pointed to four important ministries of speech.

Praying (4:2-3a)

What does Paul point out as four characteristics of a satisfying and spiritual prayer life? 4:2-3a

- A) _____ 4:2a
- B) _____ 4:2b
- C) _____ 4:2c
- D) _____ 4:2d

Proclaiming The Word (4:3b-4)

What were the two requests Paul made of the Colossian brethren concerning his proclaim the word of God?

- A) _____ 4:3
- B) _____ 4:4

Teaching The Lost (4:5-6)

Paul gives five active ways to walk in wisdom to win the outsiders (unbelievers):

- A) _____ 4:5a
- B) _____ 4:5b
- C) _____ 4:6a
- D) _____ 4:6b
- E) _____ 4:6c

Sharing Burdens (4:7-9)

Name three characteristic Paul mentions concerning Tychicus:

A) _____ 4:7a

B) _____ 4:7b

C) _____ 4:7c

Name three characteristic Paul mentions concerning Onesimus:

A) _____ 4:8a

B) _____ 4:8b

C) _____ 4:8c

What was their assignment by Paul to fulfill in Colossae?

They will _____ you _____ that is _____ here.

2. Paul made many friends during his travels that blessed his ministry. What were their names and listed characteristic about them?

A) _____ 4:10a

B) _____ 4:10b

C) _____ 4:11

D) _____ 4:12-13

E) _____ 4:14a

F) _____ 4:14b