

# Just Jesus: What does your speech reveal?

(Colossians 4:2-6)

## Introduction

- A) Your speech tells me a great deal about you. It will reveal your heritage. It will reveal your education. It will reveal your passion. It will reveal your heart.
- B) Contextualize this sermon in the series, Just Jesus.
- C) Contextualize Colossians 4
  - 1) The context of Colossians 4:2f is Colossians 3:1-4
  - 2) The focus of Colossians 4:2f is the speech of a person living the resurrected life.
- D) Why did Paul choose to end this letter to the Colossians with instructions concerning a person's speech?
  - 1) The mouth is the truest indicator of a person's spiritual condition (Luke 6:45, Proverbs 4:23).

***“A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of”*** (Luke 6:45).

***“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it”*** (Proverbs 4:23)

- 2) The mouth is the avenue by which depravity makes its exit.
- 3) The key to changing one's speech is changing one's heart.

## I. Your Speech Toward God (4:2)

**Principle:** *The Christian that does not pray demonstrates an independence from God.)*

### **A) The call to persistent prayer.**

(The call is not to pray, but rather to be persistent in prayer.)

### **B) The challenge to concentrated prayer**

(The challenge to be alert is a military term that refers to being

on guard.)

**C) The challenge to thankful prayer**

**II. Your Speech Toward The Lost (4:3-5)**

**A) Opportunity**

**B) Clarity**

**C) Wisdom**

*(This involves living life in the light of God's revelation and then applying this knowledge to specific situations.)*

**III. Your General Speech (4:6)**

**A) Gracious talk**

(The Christian's speech should mirror the gracious character of God by demonstrating love, patience, sacrifice, undeserved favor, etc.)

**B) Salty talk.**

(Salt represented both attractiveness (food tastes better) and preservative that retarded corruption in food.)

**Application:**

Colossians 4:6 is applicable to our conversation with customers, family, friends, and SOCIAL MEDIA.

**Conclusion**