

WSU Christian Challenge Study Guide
Colossians 4:2-18
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Up - Relationship with God (v. 2-4)

Read Luke 18:1-8.

- What most often causes you to stop praying persistently or to become discouraged in your prayers?
- What has helped you to pray persistently throughout your life?
- Paul mentions three different aspects of prayer here: watchfulness, thankfulness, and intercession. Which of these aspects most often and most naturally make it into your prayers? Which aspects might you need to practice more regularly?
- What is a B.O.B. prayer? Is it something you'd be willing to try?

Out - Relationship with the Lost (v. 5-6)

- Walking in wisdom is about ordering your way of life and behavior around Christ Jesus. What is one way you've seen someone else in your small group walk in wisdom this semester? Encourage one another.
- As we think about our evangelism, discipleship, and our relationship to the lost, Paul's challenge for us is: "*Do not waste your time!*" Do you have a sense of urgency for the lost? If not, how do you think you might begin to develop one? Are there any ways you need to redirect how you use your time so as to walk in wisdom?
- Paul challenges us to speak in such a way as to draw the listener in and send Christ out. Do you think you have the ability to talk about Jesus in a compelling way? How might you grow in this area?

In - Relationship with the Church (v. 7-18)

In this inspired, God-breathed letter destined for the grand purpose of clarifying the Gospel and defending against false teaching, Paul does not fail to remember his beloved friends who toil with him as he seeks to live out his Divine calling. He is always about business of remembering his brothers and sisters in Christ.

- How does it feel when someone remembers you during a difficult or lonely situation?

Remembering here is more than intellectual recall; it is the kind of remembering that summons a person to action. As other members of the group answer the following question, make a mental or physical note of what a couple of people in your group say. Then, practice remembering them this week in prayer and in action.

- Is there any specific way your small group can remember you this week?