

Seasoned With Salt

Colossians 4:2-6

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”

What is this mystery? (Colossians 1:26, 2:2, 4:3)

Our Testimony

1. _____ in _____, making the best use of _____
2. _____ speech, seasoned with _____

Functionality of Salt

1. _____

“But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.” - 1 Peter 3:14-16

2. _____

“Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.” - Proverbs 16:24

3. _____

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.” - Matthew 5:13

4 Steps to Know How I Should Answer

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| S _____ | Yourselves to God | James 4:1-10 |
| A _____ | that God is in Control | John 16:33 |
| L _____ | Lovingly | Proverbs 18:13 |
| T _____ | Graciously | Ephesians 4:29 |

Reflection

What areas in your life have you not given God control?

When do you find yourself failing to listen?

Where do you find yourself failing to speak graciously?

Where do you find yourself failing to speak truthfully?