

## **"Answering With An Impact"**

*Colossians 4:5,6*

In 2-4, Paul's prayer primarily had to do with his own ability to speak. His concern here is with our ability to speak--can we talk in such a way that impacts the lives of others. If so, we actually *buy time*!

***Walk in a way that impacts the lost, 4:5.***

**Walking in wisdom** = *Walk* (conduct / way you act) in 1:10, 2:6, 3:7. *Wisdom* appears in 1:9, 2:3, 23, 3:16  
How do we "act wisely"? I Thess. 4:11:12, I Tim. 3:7, I Pt. 2:12,15, 3:1,16, I Cor. 10:32, Phil. 2:15, Mtt. 5:16  
Paul wants us to be . . . . not . . . .  
*Outsiders* = unbelievers, I Cor. 5:12,13  
**Buying up time** = commercial marketplace term. Opportunities to impact the lost need to be snapped up while there.  
See time issue in Jn. 9:4, Eph. 5:15,16, Gal. 6:10

***Talk in a way that informs the questioning, 4:6.***

**Speak in a way that informs graciously.**

Lk. 4:22, Eph. 4:29, 2 Tim. 2:24-26, I Pt. 3:15

**Speech that informs in a salty way.**

Speech here is *logos*, as in 4:3 "a door for the *Word*"—Paul wants our message to contain the same degree of grace / wisdom as his own. *Seasoned with salt* in secular usage meant with wit and good sense. Here it's a zesty preservative (Mtt. 5:13).

**Speech that informs in a personalized way.**

*Knowing how you should respond to each person* people suggests the importance of what?

Beware stock harangues! Prov. 25:11,12