Walking in Opportunity II Part A

08-22-21 Today's Passage ~ Colossians 4:2-6

# **Eyes On You**

Union Chapel Theme for 2021:

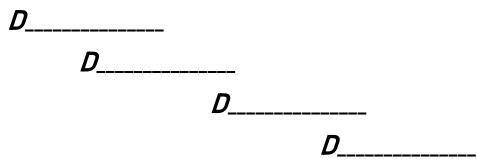
## "Walking in Opportunity"

Be very careful, then, how you live = (walk) not as unwise but as **wise**, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Ephesians 5:15-17

#### **Parallel Passage:**

Be **wise** in the way you act = (walk) toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Colossians 4:5-6

### Four Hinderances to Noticing Opportunities: Col. 4:2



### The Opportunity *IS* that Unbelievers are Watching:

so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders .... 1 Thess. 4:12

He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap. 1 Tim. 3:7

# What are Unbelievers Watching for IN Us?

Do we behave any different from the rest of the world?

What are we **C**\_\_\_\_\_ to?

Personal Agenda / Clubhouse Rules / Those Like Me or a Living, Pure & God.

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1

# What are we $C_{\_\_}$ in?

Personal Opinion / Handling of Problems / Those Like Me or a Loving, Helpful God & the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, ... And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly ... Colossians 3:2 & 15-16

Personal Concerns / Judge Others / Those Like Me or a Compassionate & God.

For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. Therefore, as God's chosen people, ... clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. ... put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:3 & 12-14

**Optional Reading:** Notice how to live; be an example (14 chapters)

Matthew 5-7 Mark 4 Luke 6 & 11 1 Cor. 10 2 Cor. 4 Ephesians 4-5 Col. 4 1 Tim. 4 Titus 2 1 Peter 3