

Text: Colossians 4:3  
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# Couriers for Christ <sup>part 1</sup>

*Three Prayers Your Non-Christian Friends Need You to Pray*



Re: Life...

**1. Pray** \_\_\_\_\_

Re: Them...

**2. Pray** \_\_\_\_\_

Re: Yourself...

**3. Pray** \_\_\_\_\_

Colossians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup> And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. <sup>4</sup> Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. <sup>5</sup> Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. (NIV)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.*

1. What are some of the rationalizations and excuses you have used for not sharing the gospel with others?
2. What are some of the fears you have about sharing the gospel?

In what way do the following verses address your fears? Matthew 5:10-11; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18; Acts 20:24; Galatians 1:10; Ephesians 6:19-20.

3. List the names of five people you suspect have never repented of their sins and placed their full trust in Jesus Christ.

Write out a prayer that expresses your desire to see these people become Christians.

4. Who, on your list from question # 3, will you be able to interact with next? In what way might that next encounter be utilized as a divine appointment?
5. Make a commitment to pray the three prayers from this week's message as it relates to the five people on your list. What reminder will you use to pray for these things each day? When and where do you plan to do this praying?

*We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.*

**Sunday**

*Gen. 12-13 & Mt. 6*

**Monday**

*Gen. 14-15 & Mt. 7*

**Tuesday**

*Gen. 16-17 & Mt. 8*

**Wednesday**

*Gen. 18-19 & Mt. 9*

**Thursday**

*Gen. 20-21 & Mt. 10*

**Friday**

*Gen. 22-23 & Mt. 11*

**Saturday**

*Gen. 24-25 & Mt. 12*

*Here are some resources which may help to rekindle your passion for evangelism.*

Coleman, Robert E. **The Master Plan of Evangelism**. Old Tappan, NJ: Spire Books, 1963.

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McKeehan, Toby and Mark Heimermann. **Jesus Freaks: Stories of Those Who Stood for Jesus**. Tulsa: Albury Publishing, 1999.

MacArthur, John. **Nothing But the Truth: Upholding the Gospel in a Doubting Age**. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 1999.

Packer, J. I. **Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God**. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1961.

Spurgeon, Charles Haddon. **The Soul Winner**. Reprint. New Kensington, PA: Whitaker House, 1995.