

Making a World of Difference in Your Little Corner of the World

The world is a mess. And sometimes, your little corner of the world is a mess, too. It would be wonderful if you could change things for the better. You can. You can make a world of difference in your little corner of the world. Follow what Paul says in Colossians 4:2-6.

To make a world of difference in my little corner of the world, I will...

1. Focus on my _____ life.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. 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. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

1) My prayer life needs to be about _____.

Devote yourselves to prayer...

• Stay spiritually _____ through prayer.

2) My prayer life needs to be about _____.

...being watchful... (Colossians 4:2)

• I'm on the lookout for _____.

Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. (Ephesians 5:16 NLT)

• I'm on the lookout for _____.

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. (1 Peter 5:8 NLT)

• I'm on the lookout for _____.

27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.

28 Do not say to your neighbor, "Come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you"—when you already have it with you. (Proverbs 3:27,28)

3) My prayer life needs to be about _____.

...being watchful and thankful. (Colossians 4:2)

• Thanksgiving shifts my focus from what I lack to what, by God's grace, I've been given.

4) My prayer life needs to be about _____.

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. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. (Colossians 4:3,4)

• I will pray for _____.

• I will pray for _____.

Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. (Colossians 4:4)

2. Focus on my _____ life.

Be wise in the way you act 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)

1) I will live on _____.

• That means taking seriously my _____.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

• That means taking seriously my _____.

make the most of every opportunity. (Colossians 4:5)

• Make the most of your _____ with others. Never go "_____ spiritually.

2) I will speak with _____.

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." (Colossians 4:6)

• I will be a source of _____ to the people with whom I talk.

Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

(Proverbs 16:24)

• I will be a source of _____ to the people with whom.

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, (1 Peter 3:15)

I don't need a massive platform to be a world-changer. I just need a willing heart, a consistent prayer life, and a commitment to live and speak with God's grace and wisdom in my little corner of the world.