"A Faithful Life" Colossians 4:2-18

- I. Be faithful in prayer
  - A. Prayer should be a normal part of our life

"Be joyful always, pray continually." (I Thessalonians 5:16-17)

B. Prayer should be with a watchful focus

"We made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against the enemy day and night." (Nehemiah 4:9)

C. Prayer should be with a thankful heart

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6)

- D. Prayer should be for the spread of the gospel
- II. Be faithful in representing Christ
  - A. We should be wise in the way we <u>relate to unbelievers</u>
  - B. We use every opportunity given to us to represent Christ

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you the reason for the hope that you have." (I Peter 3:15)

- C. We should fill our conversation with grace
- D. We should communicate the sufficiency of Christ

"For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing." (2 Corinthians 2:15)

- III. Be faithful in ministry
  - A. The ministry of encouragement
  - B. The ministry of discipleship
  - C. The ministry of total surrender to Christ
  - D. The ministry of restoration in Christ
  - E. The ministry of hard work
  - F. The ministry of intercessory prayer
  - G. The ministry of <u>using your gift for Christ</u>

H. The ministry of <u>hospitality</u>

"Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." (Romans 12:13)

I. The ministry of perseverance