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## Colossians 4:2-4

Are you devoted to prayer? That's a convicting question, isn't it? Almost all of us recognize that our prayer life could use some improvement. Part of the problem is that we're inundated with pressures and activities in this fast-paced world. As a result, prayer often becomes a quick sentence or two before rushing out the door, or it's combined with some other activity in an effort to multitask.

However, lack of time isn't an excuse for not sitting down quietly with the Lord to read His Word and talk with Him. The real problem is our priorities. We're consumed with the urgent and have lost sight of what's truly important. By neglecting prayer, we forfeit greater love for Christ, a deeper relationship with Him, and His power in our weakness.

But our lack of prayer also affects other people. When Paul told the Colossians to devote themselves to prayer, he requested that they include him and his ministry. As Christians, we have been given the responsibility and privilege of interceding for each other. This is one of the ways we contribute to God's work in the world and display our love for fellow believers.

Knowing what's at stake is a great motivation for faithful prayer. To make this a priority in your life, begin by setting aside a time and place to meet with the Lord each day. Then find scriptural

passages about people praying, and model your requests, praises, and thanksgiving after these examples. Try keeping a written record of your requests and God's answers, and you will see your faith strengthen, your love for Christ deepen, and your devotion to prayer increase.

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