

10/28/18 | Keep it Simple: Be Wise

"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."

—Ephesians 5:15-16 | NIV



1. Have you ever learned through imitation? What happened?

2. Consider this quote. Is it true?
What does it mean to be involved?
How do you learn best?

Tell me, and I forget. Teach me, and I
remember. Involve me, and I learn.
—Benjamin Franklin

3. What stuck out to you from Colossians 4? What stuck out to you from the sermon?

Prayer

4. Read Colossians 4:2-4. If all you knew about prayer came from these verses, what would you know?

5. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:17. What does this verse say about prayer? Do you pray like that?

6. Read Luke 11:1-4. How does Jesus pray? Is it different from prayers in Colossians 4?

Read 1 Corinthians 11:1. Should we follow Paul's (author's) example, or Christ's example when we pray?

Outsiders

8. Read Colossians 4:5-6. If all you knew about interacting with strangers came from these verses, what would you know?

9. Compare these verses to John 1:14, which is about Jesus (the Word).

10. Why does 1 Peter 4:11 tell us to speak/serve like God?

Believers

11. Read Colossians 4:7-18. If all you knew about interacting with fellow believers came from these verses, what would you know?

12. Why does John 13:34-35 say to love each other?

13. Finally, read 1 John 2:6. Why is it important to know how to pray, speak, and love like Jesus?

14. What does imitating Jesus have to do with wisdom? Does imitating Jesus have anything to do with the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 9:10)?

15. This week, how can you use the verses from this study to act with wisdom?

TAKEAWAY:

1. Pray regularly.
2. Be generous toward the Kingdom of God with who you are and what you have.
3. Continue to develop a heart for people and a hunger for God's Word.
4. Who are you running with?