

Learning from Paul How to Pray

Colossians 4:2-4

4 Components of Purposeful Prayer:

1. Steadfast Devotion (v.1a)

- This answers the “when” of praying
- This answers the “how” of praying

2. Maintained Alertness (v.1b)

- Physical alertness
- Spiritual alertness
- Purposeful praying vs. vague generalities

3. Directed Thankfulness (v.1c)

- In good times and bad

4. Ministry Mindedness (v2-4)

- Paul’s requests focused on spiritual needs
- Paul’s concern for gospel opportunities
- Paul’s concern for gospel clarity
- 3 Types of Evangelism to Avoid:
 1. Experience Centered Evangelism
 2. Ego-Centered Evangelism
 3. Expedience Evangelism