## May 23, 2018 "Sharing Your Faith in a Secular Culture" Pt 1 Colossians 4:2-6 David Self

"Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving. <sup>3</sup> At the same time, pray also for us that God may open a door to us for the message, to speak the mystery of the Messiah, for which I am in prison,<sup>4</sup> so that I may reveal it as I am required to speak. <sup>5</sup> Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. <sup>6</sup> Your speech should always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person." Colossians 4:2-6

- 1. Duration "Devote yourselves to prayer" (2)
- 2. Distinction "stay alert" (2)
- 3. Destination "with thanksgiving" (2)
- 4. Direction "pray also for us" (3)
  - a. Pray for Spirit empowerment (Acts 1:8)
  - b. Pray for Boldness (Acts 4:29)
  - c. Pray for Protection (Ephesians 6:16)
- **5.** Desire "that God may open a door to us" (3) God provides divine appointments to allow the sharing of His good news (cf. Acts 10:1ff). We are instructed here to pray for such opportunities for ourselves as well as others.

You can follow David on Twitter @DavidJSelf or visit our website if you miss a lesson or for more information at: <u>http://houstonsfirst.org/the-loop/media/classes-archives/highpoint-archive</u>. You may also sign up for our weekly email list there.

Upcoming High Point Speakers: David Self – 5/30; 6/13, 6/20, 6/27

> **Guest Speakers:** Malcolm Marshall – 6/6

> > Holiday: 7/4