GODLY RELATIONSHIPS

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AUDIENCE

EARLY CHURCH IN COLOSSAE

CULTURE

OUTSIDE & RELIGIOUS PRESSURES

BACKGROUND

COLOSSIANS 4:1-6 NASB

“Masters, grant your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven. Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned …”

COLOSSIANS 4:1-6 NASB

“… that I may make it clear in the way that I ought to proclaim it. Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Your speech must always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.”

RELATIONSHIPS

Master - Slave

Believer - Outsider (Non-Believer)

Church - God

COLOSSIANS 4:1

"Masters, grant your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven."

MASTER - SLAVE

EPHESIANS 6:7-9 NASB

"With goodwill render service, as to the Lord, and not to people, knowing that whatever good thing each one does, he will receive this back from the Lord, whether slave or free. And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him."

MASTER - SLAVE

LEADERS ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD. NOTHING IS HIDDEN FROM HIM.

"For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil." ECCLESIASTES 12:14

THINK ABOUT

What impressions did you get from believers/church/ministries?

In what ways was Christ represented in their conduct and relationships?

BELIEVER | OUTSIDER

COLOSSIANS 4:3-6

"**Praying ... that God will open up to us a door** for the word, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way that I ought to proclaim it. **Conduct yourselves with wisdom** toward outsiders, **making the most of the opportunity**. Your speech must **always be with grace**, as though **seasoned with salt**, so that you will know how you should respond to each person."

BELIEVER | OUTSIDER

OUR ACTIONS AFFECT THOSE AROUND US.

"Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

MATTHEW 5:16

COLOSSIANS 4:5

"Conduct yourselves **with wisdom** toward outsiders..."

GOD
CHURCH

WISDOM IS FROM GOD.

GOD
CHURCH

SANCTIFICATION

RENEWED MIND

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Romans 12:2

SURRENDER

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Galatians 2:20

OBEDIENCE

"But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life."

Romans 6:22

COLOSSIANS 4:2

"**Devote yourselves to prayer**, keeping alert in it with an attitude of **thanksgiving** …"

GOD
CHURCH

LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE.

"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:30-31 ESV