

Sample Responses for Colossians 4:2–6 | Mary Hannah and Savannah Gresham

Structure

From Mary:

4:2–4 | Christian, advance the gospel by persevering in prayer, especially for evangelists
Persevere in prayer that is persistent, vigilant, thankful (v. 2), and kingdom-oriented (vv. 3–4)

4:5–6 | Christian, advance the gospel by walking wisely among non-Christians (“outsiders”)
Walk wisely among non-Christians especially in speaking graciously

From Savannah:

Command Cluster # 1: Pray Governed by Heaven’s Priorities (Col. 4:2–4)

- a. The marks of heavenly-minded prayer
- b. The meat of heavenly-minded prayer
- c. The motivation of heavenly-minded prayer

Command Cluster #2: Live Governed by Heaven’s Priorities (particularly among non-Christians) (Col. 4:5–6)

- a. The marks of heavenly-minded living among non-Christians
- b. The meat of heavenly-minded living among non-Christians
- c. The motivation of heavenly-minded living among non-Christians

Unifying Theme

From Mary: Believer, as you walk in Christ among non-Christians (“outsiders”) in this time between Christ’s first and second comings, persevere in prayer for the gospel’s advance and walk in wisdom among non-Christians, especially by speaking graciously.

From Savannah: As those who have been raised from death to life with Christ, we are commanded and empowered to pray and live governed by Heaven’s priorities, relying on Him who reigns from Heaven to open doors for His people here on Earth to clearly communicate and faithfully demonstrate the gospel of the Kingdom, to those who yet remain outside it, maximizing the limited time we have left to do so.

Author’s Aim

From Mary: Having exhorted believers to walk in Christ Jesus the Lord personally and corporately in the church, Paul now aims to urge believers to walk in Christ as they relate to non-Christians (“outsiders”) by persevering in prayer, especially for the gospel’s advance through Paul and his evangelistic partners, and by walking in wisdom among non-Christians, especially by speaking graciously.

From Savannah: Paul, aiming to exhort the Colossian believers to live and pray governed by Heaven’s priorities, once more impresses upon them **the supremacy of Christ**, which makes Christian missional living **essential**, and **the sufficiency of Christ** (to hear their prayers, open doors, empower clear gospel speech, and enable faithful living among non-Christians), which makes Christian missional living **effective**.