



# **TIP Sheet** (Take It Personal)

Use the below questions to aid you in making personal application of our study in the Word.

## **Vital Sign: Connecting with God's World—Our Oikos** **Colossians 4:2-6 (1 Thessalonians 2:1-12)**

1. Read verses 4-6 and identify the two main exhortations Paul gives to us.
2. What assumption(s) do you think Paul makes in verse two?
3. How would you describe the meaning of “steadfast in prayer”?

When was an occasion you or someone you know were steadfast in prayer for an extended period of time?

Has God answered?

4. In verse three Paul requested that the Colossian believers pray for an open door for the word.

What does the term “open door” mean to you?

Can you think of a time God opened a door for you to share Christ with someone?

5. How would you restate the command in verse five to “walk in wisdom towards outsiders”?

Why did you think Paul felt it was necessary to encourage the Colossian believers to use wisdom in their relationships with those who are not Christian?

6. Pastor Ed called walking in wisdom “**sensible contact**”. What are some things you have experienced that required godly sensibility? Look at 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 to see some of the things we should expect from our contact with those outside of faith in Christ.

7. Read verse 6 and answer the following questions. What would be an example of gracious speech?

How do you understand the use of “seasoned with salt”?

8. On a scale of 1-10 how would you rate your connection with God's world—your oikos?
9. What has God impressed upon you from this study of His Word?