



## Seasoned with Salt

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### TODAY'S READING: Colossians 4

In his letters to the Colossians, the Apostle Paul speaks to the new manner of character the new believer's life should manifest reflective of Christ Jesus. In the previous chapter Paul identified the characteristics that should be evident in the believer's life. Please review Chapter 3:12-16. I recall these passages due to one simple fact--If we are to be the people of God we are called to be, we must emulate Him who called us into being, Jesus, the Christ! In our reading today, Paul encourages us to be the men and women of God outside our Christian settings: *"Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one"* (Colossians 4:5-6, NKJV).

This is a tall order, my friends. We must have all our spiritual faculties in order to reflect a powerful and attractive testimony to non-Christians. Our words, actions and behaviors cannot be offensive, condescending or abrasive. They must be light, impactful and reasonable. Our words must be interestingly stimulating, then shared in a wise way. Some may not feel they have this gift of God; however, they would be mistaken because all followers of Christ are called to be the "Salt of the Earth." Not salty or abusive, but loving and kind, meek and forgiving, humble and submissive. This Christ-minded disposition gains us the right to be heard by an endearing audience. My friends, this level of communicating is not automatic. It takes work and much prayer and practice. You see, we must be intentional in our approach, read our audience, then deliver in a loving way. Said another way, we must deliver our words seasoned with salt!

We are the people of God! We have His Holy Spirit in us which gives us the salt/seasoning, reflected in intellect, insight and brotherhood. We are the peacemakers of God. Therefore, let your seasoned words impart grace to the hearers, that they may be edified and build up the Body of Christ!

**PRAYER:** Our Father in the heavens, hallowed be Thy name. Father, thank You for our reading today. Thank You for granting us the privilege of representing You in the communities and different places we frequent. Father, please gift us with Your Spirit. Father, please help us speak in such a way that others will hear You through our words. Let them feel You as we engage with them. Father, we pray we will get to the point where Jesus is magnified more in and through us as we engage in the world around us. This is our desire. Father, please make it so and we pray You get all the glory. We ask all these things in Jesus' holy name, amen.

### TOMORROW'S READING: Colossians 5

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