

## How to Talk as a Believer

### Colossians 4:5-6

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| <b>NKJ</b> | <sup>5</sup> Walk in wisdom toward those <i>who are</i> outside, redeeming the time. <i>Let</i> your speech always <i>be</i> with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one. |
| <b>BGT</b> | <sup>5</sup> Ἐν σοφίᾳ περιπατεῖτε πρὸς τοὺς ἕξω τὸν καιρὸν ἐξαγοραζόμενοι. <sup>6</sup> ὁ λόγος ὑμῶν πάντοτε ἐν χάριτι, ἄλατι ἡρτυμένος, εἰδέναι πῶς δεῖ ὑμᾶς ἐν ἑκάστῳ ἀποκρίνεσθαι.                            |

#### *If then you were raised with Christ,*

1. **BE SEEKING** the Above Things (Col 3:1)
2. **BE THINKING** the Above Things (Col 3:2)
3. **PUT TO DEATH** Sinful Motivations (Col 3:5-7)
4. **PUT OFF** Sinful Actions (Col 3:8-11)
5. **CLOTHE YOURSELF** with Spiritual Clothing (Col 3:12-14)
6. **LET** the Peace of Christ **RULE** Between You and Others (Col 3:15)
7. **LET** the Word of Christ **DWELL** in You Richly (Col 3:16-17)
  - a. As Wives, **BE SUBJECTING** Yourselves to Your Husbands (Col 3:18)
  - b. As Husbands, **BE LOVING** Your Wives, and Do Not Be Embittered Towards Them (Col 3:19)
  - c. As Children, **BE OBEYING** Your Parents in All Things (Col 3:20)
  - d. As Fathers, **DO NOT BE AGITATING** Your Children (Col 3:21)
  - e. As Slaves, **BE OBEYING** Your Masters in All Things (Col 3:22-25)
  - f. As Masters, **BE GRANTING** Your Slaves what Is Just and Fair (Col 4:1)
8. **BE RELENTLESS** in prayer (Col 4:2-4)
  - a. *Watching with thanksgiving*
  - b. *Praying for pastors and proclaimers*
9. **BE WALKING** with wisdom towards unbelievers (Col 4:5-6)
  - a. *Redeeming every opportunity [to influence them toward the gospel]*

Walking in wisdom involves the way we walk (our actions\what you do) and the way we talk (our speech\what you say)

This passage assumes that we are involved in our world!

#### **As a Believer,**

1. Our speech is to be governed – every word and every conversation under God's control – Christianity affects our walk and talk
2. Our speech is to be gracious – every communication is to be helpful  
In grace, with grace, by means of grace, for grace?
  - a. Context – speaking from an attitude of gratitude? (Col 3:16 – uses same wording) – where we speak from
  - b. Content – speaking with words that relay grace? – what we speak
  - c. Intent – speaking with the purpose of bringing grace (Eph 4:29 – temporal/eternal) to the hearers? – why we speak
  - d. Method – speaking in a gracious manner – how we speak
3. Our speech is to be seasoned – every communication is to be impacting
4. Our speech is to be thoughtful – every communication is to be strategic
5. Our speech is to be representative – every communication represents Christ and our assembly [the word {sing} of you {pl}]

#### **As a Believer,**

1. Our speech should involve the right words
2. Our speech should involve the right reasons
3. Our speech should involve the right answer
  - In every instance
  - With every person

*How is your walk? Are your actions evangelistic?*

*How is your talk? Is God controlling your words, including what you say and how you say it?*