

ABSOLUTE ESSENTIALS  
WE ANTICIPATE OUR FUTURE  
SELECTED SCRIPTURES FROM COLOSSIANS 4



### The Heart of the Matter

How different are you from the average non-Christian? Aside from Christ, how different are you really? Truth be known, not all that different. You have a mortgage and car payments? So do they. Do you get tired and have emotions that sometimes run wild? So do they. Do you have a lawn to mow and meals to cook? So do they. In these and thousands of other ways the non-Christians that surround you are no different from you. The only exception is they don't know who Jesus really is, but you can show them and tell them how He has made a difference in your life.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. Speaking to God about the Lost (Colossians 4:2–3)

Reaching out always starts with reaching up to God in prayer—devoting ourselves, staying alert, being thankful, and asking God to open doors of opportunity.

#### 2. Speaking to the Lost about God (Colossians 4:3–6)

Once you have prayed and God has given you an opportunity, remember to speak of Christ, make it clear, keep it reasonable and real, and stay winsome and interesting.



### Starting Your Journey

No one can predict our future, but much of it will be shaped by how fervently we pray to God and how graciously we behave toward those who don't know Jesus.



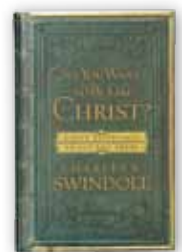
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