Lifting Up Christ In Colossians "Walk the Talk and Talk the Walk"

Col 4:5-6 5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

See Every Encounter With Non-Christians As a Divine Appointment and Act Accordingly

1. Encounters With Non-Christians Are Opportunities and Not Inconveniences

Outsiders –

1 Corinthians 5:12-13

The climate -

Our climate -

2. In These Opportunities Act Wisely To Gain a Hearing

"act"

"be wise" 1 Kings 3:12ff

What is this wisdom and how does it affect the way we act to outsiders James 3:13-18

1 Corinthians 1:24

You are more sinful than....

You are more forgiven than..

How do you get this wisdom?

Know... - *Php 3:10*Know the... - Col 3:16
Know to... - James 1:5

3. Go Beyond Living and Graciously Answer Why and How We Live As We Do

Why is Letting your "LIFE" be your witness not enough?

Speak graciously

Seasoned with salt

So that you may know how to answer everyone.

The right words to the right person at the right time.

Know their "objections" and be prepared

But... John 9:24-25

A Wise Strategy:

- 1. Tell them you...
- 2. Tell them how your faith...
- 3. Invite them to...