

Call of Grace Ministries

Come unto Me . . . I will give you rest

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"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)

Redeeming the time. In other words, living life in such a way that we are examples for Christ, impacting the world at large for the furtherance of the Gospel to the glory of God. Throughout Paul's writings, Christians are encouraged to live this way. They are to be examples of the new creation they are in Christ. In this passage, as well as others, we are commanded specifically regarding our interaction with "those who are outside": in other words the lost. Here, we are told to walk in wisdom. A list containing characteristics of true wisdom, the wisdom from above, is found in James 3:17. Other attributes of godly wisdom are found in other places in the Bible. All of them have one thing in common. They are to be practical expressions of the outworking of our faith and our newfound life and freedom in Christ!

Our speech should also reflect the change Jesus has wrought in us. Whether or not we are presenting the Gospel, we are to be careful with what and how things are said. To paraphrase Matthew Henry, we may not always be speaking of God's grace, however, regardless of the conversation, *we should always speak with grace*. Because when we do it honors Christ: the one who paid the price for us and for the one to whom we are speaking.

Both our words and our actions speak loudly regarding what we think of our Master. On any given day, they reveal one of two things. Either they reveal our victory in Jesus. Or they reveal our failure in the struggle of worldly flesh vs the new man (Eph 4:20-24). Honestly, both are a part of our life during our time here otherwise we would not be a work in progress (Phil 1:6). But I want to remind you that only one of these is inherent in our walk *with* the Lord for the example of the new man, the new creation, resides in the victory!

We have been in a season of fear-induced stress and doubt within our country. It has been a time of uncertainty but also a time of opportunity to walk in wisdom and reach out with the Gospel of Christ. The season is changing as things begin to open up and people begin to work. However, the opportunity is still there to impact someone who is lost for Christ. So I want to encourage you. Let the new creation be seen! *Walk in God's wisdom! Speak with grace!* Let the victory that is yours through Jesus be apparent to all by revealing to others who you are in Christ! You, and I, can do this. Each day, moment by moment, the choice whether or not to walk this way is ours.

And a lost world is watching.

We ask that you agree with us in prayer for the following:

- Pray for our nation's leaders at every level. May they put political and personal agendas aside, seek the Lord's wisdom then walk in it.
- Remember. It isn't over. Continue to pray for the health care professionals. Pray also for all the personnel behind the scenes that are necessary for our health system to function. May the Lord convict them to be cautious: performing their duties in the safest way both for the people they serve and themselves.
- Pray for those who will begin returning to work. May the employers and employees put safety first to avoid both injury and illness. And may the Believers in the workforce honor the Lord in their attitudes, actions, and words at work: seeking opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus with their lost coworkers that they might hear and be saved.

Cindy and I want to thank you. In the midst of all that has been going on in our nation, donations of clothing and funds have been coming in to support the Ministry to a Ministry effort to help Vieux Carre Baptist Church in New Orleans. We are thankful to the Lord to see this testimony of His love displayed through His people toward others! We have begun organizing and boxing the items received. The funding is being used to purchase specific items for use in their ministry to those in need in the French Quarter. We will be taking these items to the church sometime in the latter part of June.

If you or your church or group feel called to help with this there is still time. The list of items needed is on the last page. If you live in the Southern Illinois area, we can pick your donation up. If you live farther away, contact us; we may be able to work something out. If you prefer to make a designated donation toward this aspect of our ministry, we will use it to buy supplies for Vieux Carre.

We thank you for your prayers and support. We are grateful to the Lord for everything He provides through you!

Until Jesus comes,

Dennis & Cindy Mohr

~Cindy's Bottom Line~

Col 4:5-6 calls us to take a good look at ourselves. The Bible says the mouth reveals the heart. Do our words reveal kindness, respect, good manners? As an ambassador for Christ, what and how we speak is extremely important. Choose your words carefully.

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer."

Psalm 19:14 (NIV)

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Ministry to a Ministry - Vieux Carre Baptist Church

Gently used

- Men's pants waist size 30-40 (No dress pants)
- Men's shorts waist size 30-40
- Men's long sleeve tees and shirts (no dress shirts)
- T-shirts size Medium - XXXL
- Clean used socks (Men's and Women's)
- Belts
- Good, used tennis/walking shoes and work boots
- Used backpacks and duffle bags
- Travel shampoos
- Men's winter coats size Medium - XXXL
- Men's hoodies size Medium - XXXL (no sweaters)
- Men's winter hats
- Men's winter gloves

Purchased items

- Disposable razors
- Small deodorant
- Socks (Men's and Women's)
- Men's underwear size 32-38

Blessing Bags

A blessing bag is a bag containing various food and hygiene items as well as a Bible and a Gospel tract. It will also contain some things that are included to meet a seasonal need.

We have a list for these bags that has been vetted by Pastor Alex. Cindy and I would like to include a small number of blessing bags with both the Summer and Winter delivery of ministry needs to The Vieux. We are asking for cash donations for this as buying in bulk will allow all of us to be better stewards of the Lord's Providence toward this effort. If you are donating toward this please tell us your donation is for "Vieux Carre Blessing Bags" when you send it.

Please have your donations for the Summer delivery to us no later than June 20th.

Items for the Winter delivery may be turned in early but must be received by September 30th.