



UNLIKEABLE CHRISTIAN | PART 4 - SPEAK WELL



READ

Proverbs 18:21 (NLT)

The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Colossians 4:2-6 (NLT)

Devote yourselves to prayer with an **alert mind** and a **thankful heart**. Pray for us, too, that God will give us **many opportunities** to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. **That is why** I am here in chains. Pray that I will proclaim this message **as clearly as I should**. **Live wisely** among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

Colossians 1:15-17 (NLT)

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made things we can see and the things we can't see- such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world Everything was created through Him and for Him. He existed before anything else, and **He holds all creation together**.



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. How does Paul's perspective while in prison help you right now?
2. What has the "shelter in place" revealed about your priorities?
3. What do you think it means to pray with an alert mind and a thankful heart? Why does this matter so much?
4. Why is it so important to speak to God about people before speaking to people about God?
5. What does it mean to make our words gracious and attractive? Do you have experiences with people whose words are not gracious and attractive? How does this affect your ability to listen to what they have to say?
6. What opportunities do you already have to love and bless others with your words?
7. Of the "speak wisely" concepts which is hardest for you to do?
 - Questions are better than answers.
 - Customized is better than generic.
 - Sentences are better than paragraphs.
8. Who are 3 people you can personally invite to online services this Easter? When are you going to invite them?