²² Slaves, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

4 Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

- ² Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— ⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.
- ⁵ Walk in wisdom towards outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

After the talk today, there will be a short Q&A session, time permitting

Next Week:



Please note that there will be <u>no regular lunchtime talk</u> on Wednesday and Thursday next week.

Working Life 'Witness at work' Colossians 3:22-4:6

Live out the gospel life (Col.3:22-4:1)

- keep the Lord central
 - be obedient
 - be conscientious
 - be wholehearted
 - be patient
- let your light shine 1

Pass on the gospel message (Col.4:2-6)

- pray for doors to open
 - the door of opportunity
 - the cost of speaking
- keep a right perspective
 - on people
 - on time
- be ready to respond
 - questions asked
 - answers given

¹ Matthew 5:16; 1 Timothy 6:1; Titus 2:9-10