

"CONDUCT BECOMING A BELIEVER"

Colossians 4:5,6

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The world watches and evaluates conduct. This is a fact. Different groups and affiliations may process what they see according to their own bias - but they all take notice. Questions abound.

- Does a basketball player's "on court" antics reveal who he really is?
- How about his "off court" antics; should they be evaluated before he is on the team?
- How should a soldier conduct himself during a raid?
- How should we treat our soldiers? Does our conduct towards them reveal something about our character?
- Does the fact that a reporter uses fabricated documents mean he is biased?
- Does that kind of conduct call into question other stories? All other facts?
- Does a politician's conduct reveal their character? Does character count?

When we evaluate teachers, politicians, businessmen, even friends, we always use their conduct as a tool.

Believers: Take note of this: How we act sends a message. But...should we let them decide what we are trying to say? If not, what should be our approach? Let's look at God's opinion.

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Background:

WISE PLAN

- We are to have a **purposeful**, wise plan - A strategy - for encountering those outside the faith.
- Conduct = Order your **behavior** (*Wuest*)

➤ Not as fools: _____

- But as wise...
- Be wise about their view of "**believers**"
 - Be wise about their **receptivity**
 - Be wise about their **plight**
 - Be wise about **God's opinion** of what you should do!

MAKE THE MOST OF OUR OPPORTUNITIES

●A godly strategy will cause us to:

1. Make the most of every **opportunity**

●Make the most = To **redeem, ransom** from loss or buy at the market place.

Ideas:

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Key Thoughts:

●Life's **circumstances** can change quickly

●Christ could return for us **today**

●Today could be their **last**

2. Consider how we **speak!** (*verse 5*)

●Is it **gracious? Pleasant?** Wholesome? (*Matthew 12:34; Proverbs 16:23*)

●Is it "salty"?

➤Salt: Gives **flavor**
Preserves
Medicinal

●Remember - It can also **sting**

3. Have a right **response.** (*verse 5*) (*1 Peter 3:15, 16*)

THE BOTTOM LINE

What's your **strategy**?

- Does your strategy meet the **every day**?
- Does your strategy meet your **mouth**?
- Does it answer their real need, **Christ**?

**THIS WEEK IS FILLED
WITH OPPORTUNITIES**

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