



Shallow?

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Colossians 4:2-6 (page 904)

Perception: Christians are _____ and concerned only with _____ others.

New Reality: Christians cultivate _____ and _____ where others can be _____ by God.

1. Ask yourself: " _____ ?"
2. Pray _____ prayers.
3. Ask them: " _____ " Then _____.
4. Engage in _____.

Digging Deeper

1. Only 34% of young outsiders believe that Christians genuinely care about them. But among Christians, 64% said outsiders would perceive their efforts as genuine. Why do you believe there is such a huge gap?

2. Read Colossians 4:2-6. Explain from these verses what it means to "live wisely among those who are not believers."

3. Who do you know that is an "outsider"? Would you consider them a friend? What do you think their perceptions are of Christianity?

4. Share the names of 3 people who are not yet believers that you will be praying for. Take time to pray for them as a group right now.

5. How do you feel about inviting one of these people to church? Would anything need to change before you'd be willing to invite them? If so what is it, and what can you do about it?

Books

Helping you give the right response to everyone...

- *The Reason for God* by Tim Keller
- *The Case for Christ and The Case for Faith* by Lee Strobel
- *More than a Carpenter* by Josh McDowell