

Pastoral Care

Handout 3.3 Biblical Underpinnings

Colossians 4: 2 – 6 Be persevering in your prayers and be thankful as you stay awake to pray. Pray for us especially, asking God to show us opportunities for announcing the message and proclaiming the mystery of Christ, for the sake of which I am in chains; pray that I may proclaim it as clearly as I ought.

Be tactful with those who are not Christians and be sure you make the best use of your time with them. Talk to them agreeably and with a flavour of wit, and try to fit your answers to the needs of each one.

Proverbs 18: 13 To retort without first listening is folly which will work one's own confusion.

James 1: 19 Be quick to listen but slow to speak

James 3: 5 – 9 The tongue is only a tiny part of the body, but it can proudly claim that it does great things. Think how small a flame can set fire to a huge forest; the tongue is a flame like that. Among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a whole wicked world in itself; it infects the whole body, catching fire itself from hell, it sets fire to the whole wheel of creation. Wild animals and birds, reptiles and fish can all be tamed by men, and often are – but nobody tame the tongue.

Luke 5:12-13 While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged

him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean."