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Ephesians 6:19 -22
Pray for me, please

Introduction: The most important thing you can do for me as your pastor is to pray for me. I covet your prayers as Paul coveted the prayers of the people at Ephesus.

A. Pray for my behalf

1. Not asking for own welfare
2. Asking to pray intelligently and willfully

B. Pray for freedom of speech

1. No speech problems
2. Six hindrances to communication
 - a. What I meant to say
 - b. What I actually said
 - c. What you heard
 - d. What you think you heard
 - e. What you say about what you think you heard
 - f. What I think I heard you say

C. Pray for boldness, vs. 19, 20

1. Gk., NT 3954 “out – spokenness, frankness, bluntness, assurance”
2. Sometimes there are heavy topics/messages to preach
3. Gk., NT 3955 “confidence in demeanor and spirit”

D. Pray for knowledge, vs. 19

1. Mystery of the gospel
 - a. Definition - Old Testament truth explained in the New Testament
 - b. The oneness of the body
2. The whole counsel of God
 - a. II Tim. 4:1-5
 - b. Acts 20:27

E. Pray that I speak as I ought to speak, vs. 20

1. Greek, NT., 3955 “to be frank, in utterance, confident in spirit and demeanor”
 - a. Aorist – Completed in past
 - b. Middle – Subject initiates and acts
 - c. Subjunctive – Contingency, potentially possible
2. Ought, Gk., NT., 1163 “necessary”

F. Two reasons to pray for me, vs. 21-22

1. So you can know about my circumstances

2. So you can have comfort, NT, parakaleo

Conclusion: I would humbly request that you continue to pray for me that I boldly proclaim His Word for our growth in Him.