

## Devoted to the Brethren with Affection (Colossians 4:7-18)

**vv. 7-9** – Epistle sent to Colossae by Tychicus and \_\_\_\_\_

- Tychicus (Acts 20-21) – \_\_\_\_\_ brother and \_\_\_\_\_ servant
- Onesimus – of Colossae (Phile 10-16); \_\_\_\_\_, beloved brother
- To \_\_\_\_\_ the believers and deliver other letters

**vv. 10-11** – Aristarchus / \_\_\_\_\_ / Jesus (Justus)

- \_\_\_\_\_-background believers → \_\_\_\_\_ of the church (1:26)

**vv. 12-13** – Epaphras (1:7) – deep \_\_\_\_\_ expressed in \_\_\_\_\_

**v. 14** – Luke and Demas

**vv. 15-16** – Greet church in Laodicea and Nympha

**v. 17** – Archippus

**v. 18** – \_\_\_\_\_ request and benediction

### *Lessons and Application*

**#1** – Paul’s \_\_\_\_\_ and honor for believers / co-workers

- Words: \_\_\_\_\_ / fellow bond-servants / bond-\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ
- \_\_\_\_\_ of the brethren – by words and by \_\_\_\_\_
- In context of \_\_\_\_\_

*Application:* \_\_\_\_\_ one another through our \_\_\_\_\_

**#2** – Paul’s \_\_\_\_\_ group of co-workers in the ministry

*Application:*

- **Tychicus** – a \_\_\_\_\_ disciple
- **Epaphras** – willing to \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer
- **Onesimus** – runaway slave → beloved \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_
- **Mark** – \_\_\_\_\_ → useful in Lord’s work (1 Tim. 4:11)
- **Demas** – deserted Paul for \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim. 4:10)
- **Archippus** – encourage others in their \_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord

## Discussion Questions: Colossians 4:7-18

1. Think of someone you can encourage in the Lord in the coming week. How will you do it?

In your home:

In your neighborhood or place of work

In the local church

2. Can you think of someone you know personally who comes close to fitting the description of the ten characters listed in this section?

Do you identify closely with any of the ten characters listed?

What is your response / take-away from this exercise?

3. What is *one thing* you definitely want to take away with you from today’s message?

How do you plan to *follow through* on that *one thing*?