

Paul's Ministry Team

A Study in Colossians

I. The Text - *Colossians 4:7-18*

II. The Meaning

A. Spiritual Qualities for Effective Ministry - 4:7-14

1. Tychicus was _____.
 - a) Faithful team members are proven over time.
 - b) Faithful team members are entrusted with more responsibility.
2. Onesimus was _____.
 - a) Forgiven team members have been _____ from past sin.
 - b) Forgiven team members are _____ for future ministry.
3. Aristarchus was _____.
 - a) Sacrificial team members give up _____ to encourage others.
4. Mark was _____.
 - a) By God's grace team members who have been humbled through _____ can have effective ministry.
5. Justus was _____.
 - a) Enduring effective ministry requires _____ commitment.

6. Epaphras was _____.

- a) Persevering team members view themselves as a _____ for Christ.
- b) Persevering team members are _____ to prayer.
- c) Persevering team members _____ for those they minister to.

7. Luke was _____.

- a) Effective ministry can be _____ by unique vocational abilities.

8. Demas was _____.

- a) Demas is a warning that _____ faithful does not mean _____ faithful.

B. Special Instructions/Greetings 4:16-17

- 1. Greet _____ churches
- 2. _____ God's Word
- 3. _____ Achrippus

C. Paul's Signature. 4:18

III. Application Questions

- 1. What are the advantages of ministering together as a team? What are some disadvantages?
- 2. Is it wrong to start a ministry alone with no intention of including other people? Why?
- 3. As you consider the above qualities for effective ministry, which one do you find the most challenging?
- 4. How does verse 15 and 16 encourage collaboration among local churches?
- 5. How has the book of Colossians challenged you to be more effective as you seek to disciple others?