

## “Making Friends for Eternity” Colossians 4:7-18

Grow your \_\_\_\_\_. Take as many people to Heaven with you as possible.

- I.** Paul loved \_\_\_\_\_, and he loved \_\_\_\_\_. The more you love JESUS, the more you will love People. **IMPORTANT:** Ministry comes out of \_\_\_\_\_.
1. In Acts and in his Epistles (\_\_\_\_\_), there are more than a \_\_\_\_\_ Christians that are named and unnamed. (We have \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul’s letters)
  2. In Romans 16, Paul named \_\_\_\_\_ different leaders/friends alone.

### **II. How to Remember Names:** (you need as many friends as you can get)

1. Realize that people’s names are \_\_\_\_\_. Isaiah 49:16, Rev. 21:27, John 10:27
2. \_\_\_\_\_ people their names. Friends are \_\_\_\_\_ treasures.
3. Make sure that you \_\_\_\_\_. (don’t daydream)
4. Try to \_\_\_\_\_ their name with: an action OR a person (standing beside them)
5. Repeat their name \_\_\_\_\_ times in the initial conversation.
6. Then \_\_\_\_\_ their names down. (in your phone, notebook, etc.)

### **III. Paul showed his love for these people as he closed his letter:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ delivered Paul’s letters to the Colossians and to the Ephesians. Eph. 6:21 Both men informed the Colossians of Paul’s situation in Rome. Tychicus had been in prison with Paul. Paul called him a beloved \_\_\_\_\_, a faithful \_\_\_\_\_, and a fellow servant of CHRIST.
2. Onesimus was a \_\_\_\_\_, that Paul led to CHRIST and sent back to his master in Colossae, \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **V.10.** Paul called him, his fellow-prisoner and fellow-worker.
  - A. Originally from Thessalonica (Greece), this convert from Judaism was Paul’s constant traveling \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Aristarchus risked his life in the dangerous \_\_\_\_\_ in Ephesus. Acts 19:28-41 He traveled to Rome with Paul and experienced the storm and perilous \_\_\_\_\_ that Luke so graphically described in Acts 27.
  - C. Aristarchus shared Paul’s confinement with him so he could be a help and comfort to the apostle, as a \_\_\_\_\_ prisoner for the sake of the Gospel.
  - D. Paul named him early in this list affirming his great value to him. (Why don’t you send a \_\_\_\_\_ to someone that has greatly helped you?)
4. \_\_\_\_\_, a Jewish believer, wrote the second Gospel. **V.10**
  - A. He was from Jerusalem, and his mother, \_\_\_\_\_, opened her house for ministry. Acts 12:12 John Mark was a cousin of \_\_\_\_\_, and possibly was led to CHRIST by \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Peter 5:13
  - B. When Paul and Barnabas set out on the \_\_\_\_\_ Missionary Journey, they took John Mark with them. At first, he was very helpful, but something happened

and he abruptly \_\_\_\_\_ the mission and returned home to Jerusalem. Acts 13:5-13. He irresponsibly \_\_\_\_\_.

- C. When Paul and Barnabas were planning the \_\_\_\_\_ Missionary Trip, Paul refused to take John Mark. An \_\_\_\_\_ between Paul and Barnabas became so heated that they parted ways. Paul took \_\_\_\_\_ with him to Syria, and Barnabas took \_\_\_\_\_ with him to Cyprus. Acts 15:36-41
- D. Can people who \_\_\_\_\_ in life and in ministry one day be very useful to the LORD? Apparently, Barnabas ("son of \_\_\_\_\_") helped restore young Mark. Paul later wrote, "bring Mark with you, for he is \_\_\_\_\_ to me for the ministry." 2 Timothy 4:11
5. \_\_\_\_\_ ("Joshua," - his Jewish name) ... OR \_\_\_\_\_ (his Roman name) was someone we know very little about. **V.11** What we know is that he was a faithful \_\_\_\_\_, and was a blessing and comfort to Paul. Hebrews 6:10
6. \_\_\_\_\_ was the man who started the Church at Colossae. Col. 1:7-8
- A. Epaphras found CHRIST in \_\_\_\_\_ through Paul's ministry. He returned home to Colossae and faithfully shared the Gospel with \_\_\_\_\_ and friends. It is likely that he \_\_\_\_\_ the churches in Laodicea and Hierapolis. **V. 13**
- B. He was known as a Servant of CHRIST who \_\_\_\_\_ hard on behalf of Christians in these three cities. Epaphras was seen as a Prayer Warrior who \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer for believers to grow in their faith. **V.12-13**
7. \_\_\_\_\_ was a very important Gentile convert to the early Church. **V.14**
- A. He wrote two books in the New Testament, the Book of \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_, which is the history of the early Church.
- B. As a physician Luke used his \_\_\_\_\_ skill to touch lives and as a platform to share JESUS. He stayed with Paul until the \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Tim. 4:11
- C. Luke was a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian, a skillful doctor, a \_\_\_\_\_ friend, and a \_\_\_\_\_ historian, all wrapped up in one servant.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ was a man that Paul greatly loved, but who \_\_\_\_\_ his heart.
- A. Demas is mentioned three times in Scripture. **V.14, Philemon 24**. He is called by Paul as his "fellow-worker." But the third reference sadly stated, "Demas has \_\_\_\_\_ me, having \_\_\_\_\_ this present world." **2 Tim. 4:10**
- B. Often Christians think they can serve two \_\_\_\_\_, but eventually all must make a \_\_\_\_\_. Demas chose \_\_\_\_\_. It was a costly choice.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ was a woman who used her home for a church to meet. Please use your \_\_\_\_\_ for ministry. In Eternity you will be glad you did. **V.16-17**
10. \_\_\_\_\_ was reminded to fulfill his ministry, that he received from the LORD.

