

Questions

1. Contrast what we know about Mark (Colossians 4:10 and Acts 15:36-41) to what we know about Demas (Colossians 4:14 and 2nd Timothy 4:9-11). What encouragement and warning can you take from their lives?
2. How are you doing at loving your brothers and sisters sincerely and sacrificially? Are your partnerships with other believers marked by helping them to glorify God and serve effectively?
3. Can you think of an example of faithfulness that you've experienced from someone you were working alongside of in ministry?
4. Does "always wrestling" describe how you pray for the growth of your brothers and sisters in Christ? If not, what step(s) can you begin to take to work harder at praying for others?
5. Do you find ministry for Christ to be a grace-empowered struggle for His glory and for the good of other brothers and sisters?
6. What are some ways that, even in the course of ministry, we can lose sight of the glory of Jesus Christ, and get sidetracked by pride and by private ambitions?

*After each service, if you need prayer,
someone will be available up front to pray with you.*

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Effective Partnership

Colossians 4:7-18

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In Colossians 4:7-18, as Paul concludes his letter to the church at Colossae, we learn four characteristics of a good and effective partner in ministry.

The messengers – Tychicus and Onesimus

"These alone of the circumcised" – Aristarchus, Mark, and Jesus, called Justus

Epaphras, Luke, and Demas

Nympha and Archippus

1. Loving ("dearly loved") as family

3. Hard-working

2. Faithful

4. Focused