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Ministry is a Team Sport

Colossians 4:7-18



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⁷Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord.



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⁸I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts,



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⁹and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.



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¹⁰Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions— if he comes to you, welcome him),



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¹¹and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me.



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¹²Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.



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¹³For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis.



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¹⁴Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas.



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¹⁵Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house.



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¹⁶And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea.



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¹⁷And say to Archippus, "See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord."



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¹⁸I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand.
Remember my chains. Grace be with you.



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1: Doing ministry takes a team of
committed followers of Jesus



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*** Two Envoys - Tychicus and Onesimus
verses 7-9**



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***Three Messianic Jews - Aristarhus, Mark
(cousin of Barnabas), & Jesus, called Justus
verses 10-11**



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* Two of Paul's Close Friends - Ephaphras
and Luke (the physician)
verses 12-14



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*** Demas, Who Eventually Deserted Paul
verse 14**



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* Nympha and the Church in Her House
verse 15



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1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (ESV)

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;



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⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;



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⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.



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⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.



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2: The Ministry Team Consists of People from Diverse Backgrounds



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Colossians 3:11 (ESV)

¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.



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3: These Ministry Team Members were
Considered Gospel Workers
and Servants of Jesus



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Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)

²³Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,



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²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.



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4: The Ministry Team has a Goal
Proclaiming Christ
Presenting Everyone Mature in Christ



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Colossians 1:28-29 (ESV)

²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.



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²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.



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