

With the Master and Nothing Else—Questions to Consider—Lesson 21—Colossian 4:7-11-Paul's Partners in Ministry (Part 1)

1. Read Colossians chapter four and list all the individuals Paul mentions and what facts or characteristics you see about them.

2. Memorize Colossians 4: 7.

3. Tychicus is mentioned four other times in Scripture. Look up the following passages and make note of what you learn about him! Acts 20:1-5; Ephesians 6:21, 22; 2 Timothy 4:12; and Titus 3:12.

4. (a) Aristarchus is also mentioned four times in Scripture. Look up the following passages and make note of what you find regarding him! Acts 19:29; Acts 20:1-5; Acts 27:1-4; and Philemon 22-25. (b) Based on the verses you looked up from question 3 and 4, were Tychicus and Aristarchus ever together?

5. (a) Mark is mentioned five times in Scripture. Look up the following passages to see what you discover about Mark: Acts 12:12, and 25; Acts 15:36-41; 2 Timothy 4:11; 1 Peter 5:13; Philemon 24. (b) What do you think happened between Acts 15 and 2 Timothy 4?

6. (a) Read the book of Philemon. Write down any observations you see regarding Onesimus. (b) Why do you think Paul is sending him to Colosse with Tychicus? See Colossians 4:7-9.

7. (a) What are the characteristics of a true friend, according to the following proverbs? Proverbs 17:9; 17:17; 18:24; 27:6; 27:10; 27:17. (b) Are you blessed to have friends like that? (c) Are you that type of friend to others?

8. (a) If you were to describe your closest friend in three ways, what would you say? (b) What would you like to be described as? (c) Do you think your friends would describe you as faithful, comforting, and self-sacrificing?

9. (a) Has there been a time recently when a friend comforted you? How did that bless you? (b) Has there been a time recently when you knew a friend sacrificed on your behalf? What did you learn from that?

10. Come with a prayer of thanksgiving to God for your friends and a petition to God for yourself concerning how you might be a better friend to someone else.