

Dealing with People

Colossians 4:7-18 part 1

Introduction:

1- _____ in the Sovereign control of God

2- _____ all people as made in God's image

Genesis 1:27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

James 3:9 With it we bless our Lord and Father; and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God

3-Each Christian gives you a _____ of Christ

#1. Introduction to the Letter Carriers 7-9

1st – Tychicus; a _____ Leader 7-8

7 As to all my affairs, Tychicus, our beloved brother and faithful servant and fellow bond-servant in the Lord, will bring you information. 8 For I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts;

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

2nd – Onesimus; a _____ Thief 9

9 and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of your number. They will inform you about the whole situation here.

1- His new position

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

Ephesians 2:5 *even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),*

1 Corinthians 13:7 *bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things*

2 Corinthians 5:17 *if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*

2-His new assignment

2 Corinthians 7:10-11 *10 For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation; but the sorrow of the world produces death. 11 For behold what earnestness this very thing, this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong! In everything you **demonstrated** yourselves to be innocent in the matter.*

#2. Greetings from Coworkers 10-14

1st – The Jewish Coworkers 10-11

1-Aristarchus; a _____ Companion 10a

10a *Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, sends you his greetings;*

2-Mark; a _____ Missionary 10b

10b *and also Barnabas' cousin Mark (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him);*

Acts 13:13b John left them and returned to Jerusalem.

*** Turn to Acts 15:37ff**

I Peter 5:13

1 Corinthians 9:27 *but I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.*

2 Timothy 4:11 *Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service.*

3-Justice; a man with ____ Commitment 11

11 *and also Jesus who is called Justus; these are the only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are from the circumcision; and they have proved to be an encouragement to me.*

Acts 28:25 *when they did not agree with one another, they began leaving after Paul had spoken one parting word, 29 And when he had spoken these words, the Jews departed, having a great dispute among themselves*

Hebrews 6:10 *For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.*

2nd – The Gentile Coworkers 12-14
1-Epaphras;
2-Luke;
3-Demas;

#3. Greetings to area Churches 15

1st – The Church in Laodicea
2nd – The Church in Nympha's house

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Conclusion: Be one who...

Serves others

Forgives others

Sympathizes with others

Never quits or writes anyone off

Makes bold commitments

Turns to Christ

Remember; your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard.

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

* *How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?*

* *How can I accomplish this change?*

* *What is the first step toward bringing about this change?*