

We need each other

Colossians 4:7-18 part 2

Introduction:

* Exodus 17:8-13

* Numbers 11:11ff

Proverbs 17:17 *Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another.*

Ecclesiastes 4:9 *Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. 10 For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. 11 Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone? 12 And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.*

Galatians 6:1 *Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.*

Ephesians 4:16 *from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.*

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1 - Epaphras; a _____ Equipper

12 *Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings*

A-The _____ Epaphras prays = always

Philippians 4:6 *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God* **1Thessalonians 5:17** *pray without ceasing*

B-_____ Epaphras prays = laboring earnestly for you in his prayers

C-_____ Epaphras prays for =

(1)-that you may stand

Ephesians 4:14 *...children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming*

(2)-perfect

Colossians 1:9-10 *we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects...*

A mature Christian is one who is ...

1-Deep in the knowledge of the Word, which is alive

2-Strong in their commitment, which is passionate &

3-Mature in their character, which is honest

(3)-fully assured in all the will of God

D-The _____ of Epaphras' prayers =

13a For I bear him witness that he has a deep concern for you

Revelation 16:10 *And the fifth angel poured out his bowl ...and they gnawed their tongues because of pain*

E-The _____ of Epaphras' prayers =

13b for you and for those who are in Laodicea and Hierapolis.

2-Luke; a Historian, Doctor, _____ and Companion 14a

14a Luke, the beloved physician, sends you his greetings

Jeremiah 9:23-24 *Thus says the Lord, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; 24 but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the Lord.*

Zechariah 4:6 *Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit*

2 Timothy 4:11 *Only Luke is with me.*

Colossians 4:14 *Luke, the beloved physician*

Ephesians 3:20 *Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, 21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.*

3-Demas; yet-to-be Spiritual _____ 14b

14b and also Demas.

2 Timothy 4:9-10 *Make every effort to come to me soon; 10 for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica*

1John 2:15 *Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

James 4:4 *You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

#3. Greetings to area Churches 15

1st-The Church in Laodicea 15a

15a Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea

2nd-The Church in Nympha's house

15b and also Nympha and the church that is in her house

Nympha; a _____ Owner 15b

1 Timothy 6:17 *Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. 18 Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.*

#4. Instructions about the Bible 16

16 *And when this letter is read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and you, for your part read my letter that is coming from Laodicea.*

1st-It was _____ by God's design

2nd-It is actually the letter to the _____

Amos 8:11 *Behold, days are coming, declares the Lord God, "When I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, But rather for hearing the words of the Lord.*

Job 23:12 *I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.*

#5. Exhortation to a Spiritual Leader 17

Archippus; a _____ or _____ leader

17 *And say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it."*

1 **Thessalonians 5:12** *we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, 13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.*

#6. Paul's Proof, Prayer Request and Parting Blessing 18

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

Paul; an _____ Apostle

1st-Paul's _____

2nd-_____Request

3rd-_____Blessing

Conclusion:

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?*