

April 16, 2014
“Becoming a Blessing to Others”
Colossians 4:1-18

- I. **Treat Others Well** *“Masters, supply your slaves what is right and fair, since you know that you too have a Master in heaven.”* (1)

- II. **Talk to God** *“Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us...”* (2-3a)

- III. **Tell Others the Good News**
 - **Occasion** *“that God may open a door to us for the message”* (3)
 - **Outcome** *“to speak the mystery of the Messiah, for which I am in prison”* (3b)
 - **Obligation** *“so that I may reveal it as I am required to speak.”* (4)
 - **Opportunity** *“Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time.”* (5)
 - **Obedience** *“Your speech should always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each one.”* (6)

- IV. **Take Advantage of Your Place**
 - **Tychicus** (7)
 - **Onesimus** (9)
 - **Aristarchus** (10)
 - **Mark, Barnabas’s cousin** (10)
 - **Jesus, who is called Justus** (11)
 - **Epaphras** (12)
 - **Luke and Demas** (14)
 - **Nympha** (15)
 - **Archippus** (17)

Col 4:1-18 Masters, supply your slaves with what is right and fair, since you know that you too have a Master in heaven. (2) Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving. (3) At the same time, pray also for us that God may open a door to us for the message, to speak the mystery of

the Messiah, for which I am in prison, (4) so that I may reveal it as I am required to speak. (5) Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. (6) Your speech should always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person. (7) Tychicus, our dearly loved brother, faithful servant, and fellow slave in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me. (8) I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know how we are and so that he may encourage your hearts. (9) He is with Onesimus, a faithful and dearly loved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you about everything here. (10) Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, greets you, as does Mark, Barnabas's cousin (concerning whom you have received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him), (11) and so does Jesus who is called Justus. These alone of the circumcision are my coworkers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. (12) Epaphras, who is one of you, a slave of Christ Jesus, greets you. He is always contending for you in his prayers, so that you can stand mature and fully assured in everything God wills. (13) For I testify about him that he works hard for you, for those in Laodicea, and for those in Hierapolis. (14) Luke, the dearly loved physician, and Demas greet you. (15) Give my greetings to the brothers in Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her home. (16) When this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. (17) And tell Archippus, "Pay attention to the ministry you have received in the Lord, so that you can accomplish it." (18) This greeting is in my own hand--Paul. Remember my imprisonment. Grace be with you.

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