

Faithful Friends
(Lessons from Tychicus)
Colossians 4:7-14
Colossians Lesson 4
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Thesis: I want to show the benefits of admiring the qualities of good men.

Intro: 1. How important is it to have faithful companions in the service of the Lord?

I. Dependable & Beloved

A. Dependable & Trustworthy

1. Dependable and Trustworthy defined:

a. Dependable: capable of being trusted and reliable.

b. Trustworthy: worthy of confidence

1. He depended upon him and trusted him to do what was asked of him.
2. Paul was in prison and needed those he could depend upon, Tychicus was one of those people.

B. Beloved brother

1. The word “brother” shows the family relationship of Christians.
2. The church is God’s family/house (**1 Tim 3:15**).
3. This beloved brother showed loving concern for fellow-Christians.
 - a. He must have had a deep love for his brethren.

II. Faithful Minister & Fellow Servant

A. Faithful Minister

1. Minister means “a servant”
2. Our purpose as being members of God’s Kingdom is to serve God
 - a. The faithful servant presents his body as a living sacrifice to God (**Rom 12:1-2**).
3. The faithful servant will serve:
 - a. Regardless of persecutions (**2 Tim 4:7-8**)
 - b. In the face of temptations (**James 1:12**)
 - c. Regardless of discouragements (**Gal 6:9**)

B. Fellow Servant

1. Fellow-servant means – could also be translated “fellow-bondslave”
2. The servant of the Lord is a slave to righteousness and not a slave to the world.
3. We are slaves of Christ because He has bought them (redeemed) them from the world of sin.
 - a. Being enslaved to Christ means genuine freedom (**Gal 5:1**)

III. Lessons for us today.

A. We need good and righteous examples.

1. Godly examples are to be followed (**1 Cor 11:1**)
2. Godly examples are godly because they follow the teaches of God and set forth a pattern of good works (**Titus 2:7**)

B. We can learn from the lives of others.

1. The life of the Apostle Paul is one we can look to as well (**1 Cor 11:1**)
 - a. He was a man of trust
 - b. He was a beloved brother
 - c. He was a faithful minister
 - d. He was enslaved to Christ

Application & Conclusion:

1. There is no better example of how to live than the examples we learn from Christ.
2. Just as Paul imitated Christ we too can follow in the steps of Christ (**1 Jn 2:6**)
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9