

THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS #14 Teaming Up for Gospel Mission

Colossians 4:2-18

#1 Teaming Up in PRAYER

<u>Colossians 4:2</u> Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

- A. Pray with devotion, watchfulness and thankfulness
- B. Pray for missionaries, some of whom are in **CHAINS**
- C. Pray for God to OPEN DOORS for the Gospel message
- D. Pray for those who proclaim it to make it **CLEAR**

#2 Teaming Up to MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

<u>Colossians 4:5</u> Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

- A. Be **WISE** in the presence of unbelievers
- B. Learn to be a witnessing opportunist
- C. Give careful attention to your words and tone
- D. Be **<u>READY</u>** with an answer for anyone

#3 Teaming Up with GOD'S MISSION-MINDED PEOPLE

Tychicus – the loyal and trustworthy teammate 4:7-8 Onesimus – the teammate with a <u>SINFUL PAST</u> 4:9 Aristarchus – the burden-sharing teammate 4:10 Mark – the faltering teammate who got <u>RESTORED</u> 4:10 Jesus Justus – the teammate with rock-solid commitment 4:11 Epaphras – the praying teammate with a <u>PASTOR'S</u> heart 4:12-13 Luke – the teammate with a specialized function 4:14 Demas – the teammate who would <u>DEFECT</u> 4:14

FINAL WORDS

<u>Colossians 4:15</u> Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. ¹⁶ After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea. ¹⁷ Tell Archippus: "See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord." ¹⁸ I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

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