

Colossians - Chapter 4

“Learning to Work With Others – Part 1”

Colossians 4:9-10

Verse 9

1. Do you remember Onesimus? We learn a lot more about him in another letter that Paul wrote – the epistle to Philemon.
 - Paul actually led Onesimus to Christ while in prison at Rome. But Paul found out that Onesimus had been a _____ of his dear friend, Philemon. Onesimus had rebelled against Philemon, stolen from him, and fled. Philemon 10-11
2. Onesimus had become very _____ to Paul in his ministry. Paul wanted to keep Onesimus in Rome with him, but he knew this wasn't right. Philemon 12-14
 - Paul sent Onesimus back with Tychicus.
3. Tychicus and Onesimus had instructions from Paul to do three things:
 - They were to check on these Colossian believers and see how they were doing spiritually - “...*know your estate...*”
 - They were to _____ the Colossian believers in their faith - “...*comfort your hearts...*”
 - They were to give them a report as to Paul's personal situation - “*All my state...*” - and his _____ activity - “...*all things which are done here.*”

Verse 10

1. Even while in prison, Paul was not an island to himself. He worked with and through _____. Paul practiced the principle of 2 Timothy 2:2.
2. This is how Paul could continue to have a fruitful ministry, even after being imprisoned. He invested his life in others and learned how to _____ with all kinds of different people from different backgrounds. Acts 20:4

3. In the next several verses, we are introduced to many of these faithful coworkers who had the distinct privilege of not only working with Paul, but having their names mentioned by him in God's Word.
4. The first person mentioned is Aristarchus. Paul called him his *"fellowprisoner."*
 - Aristarchus is another one of those unsung _____ of the faith. What a faithful man.
 - Aristarchus never bailed on Paul. He hung in there through good times and bad times.