

## Colossians 4:7-18

### *Brothers in Ministry*

1. Tychicus: the faithful man (4:7–8)
  - a. His character (4:7)
  - b. His commission (4:8)
2. Onesimus: the fugitive man (4:9)
3. Aristarchus: the fearless man (4:10a)
4. Marcus: the forgiven man (4:10b)
5. Justus: the friendly man (4:11)
6. Epaphras: the fervent man (4:12–13)
  - a. His practical fervor (4:12a)
  - b. His prayerful fervor (4:12b)
  - c. His personal fervor (4:14)
7. Luke: the famous man (4:14a)
  - a. The healer
  - b. The helper
  - c. The historian
8. Demas: the floundering man (4:14b)
9. Nymphas: the fruitful man (4:15–16)
  - a. The local ministry (4:15)
  - b. The larger ministry (4:16)
10. Archippus: the faltering man (4:17)
  - a. The remembered gift of his ministry (4:17a)
  - b. The required growth in his ministry (4:17b)
11. Paul: the fettered man (4:18)

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