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Today we are in the final section of Paul's letter to the church at Colosse which was to be read in and from the nearby church of Laodicea (v. 16). Paul ends his powerful letter to these churches by highlighting \_\_\_\_\_ unique individuals who were significant to the success of this church and the world-wide gospel ministry. God does not waste verses in the Bible, and though this is simply a list of ten people in ten verses, it is important for us to glean from their personal testimonies and connect the work God was doing then, in and through them, to our work in our present time (Rom. 14:7).

## MEMBERS IN PARTICULAR – Colossians 4:7-18

God's Ministry is Centered around Personal Relationships – v. 7-17; 1 Cor. 12:18, 27; 2 Cor. 6:4, 9

1. **Tychicus** = Faithful \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 7-8, 18; Acts 20:4; Eph. 6:21-24; 2 Tim. 4:12; Tit. 3:12

*Communicating the state of affairs between locations (Rome/Colosse)*

*Ministers minister with their gifts (Rom. 12:7; 1 Pet. 4:10)*

2. **Onesimus** = \_\_\_\_\_ (*with baggage*) – v. 9; 18; Phm. 10-12, 16-17, 25; Php. 3:13-14

3. **Aristarchus** = \_\_\_\_\_ (*fellow*) – v. 10a; Acts 19:29, 20:4, 27:2; Phm. 24

*Always in the mix suffering in the mix (1 Cor. 12:26; Pr. 18:24; Rom. 12:15; Is. 53:3)*

4. **Marcus** = \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 10b; Acts 13:13; 2 Tim. 4:11; Phm. 24

*Marcus (Mark) was fruit of Peter's life (1 Pet. 5:13)*

*Writer of the gospel of Mark (Mk. 14:51-52)*

5. **Jesus (Joshua)/Justus** = \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 11; Acts 18:7-8; Rom. 10:1-3, 14:17

*Aristarchus, Marcus, and Jesus/Justus were Jewish converts working the kingdom of God*

6. **Epaphras** = \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 12-13, 1:7; Phm. 23; Jer. 23:1

*Served Christ*

*Labored fervently in prayers*

\_\_\_\_\_ *spiritual growth of the whole body (discipleship-minded)*

\_\_\_\_\_ *beyond local ministry (zeal for those at Laodicea & Hierapolis)*

7. **Luke** = \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 14a; 2 Cor. 12:7-10; 2 Tim. 4:20

*Traveling physician and \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel of Luke, book of Acts, also scribing 2 Corinthians*

*Faithful to the very end (2 Tim. 4:11)*

8. **Demas** = \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 14b; Phm. 24; 2 Tim. 4:10

*He soon left serving God for love of the world (Lk. 16:13; Ja. 4:4)*

9. **Nymphas** = \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 15; Phm. 2; 1 Cor. 16:19

*The church at Laodicea met in his house*

10. **Archippus** = \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 17; Phm. 2; Acts 9:15, 13:2, 26:14

*God called and equipped him to do something and he was to fulfill his calling (Eph. 4:11-12; 1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 4:5; Jonah; 1 Ki. 13:1-5)*