

Scripture:

Colossians 4:7-18

Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here. Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, "See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord." I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

Notes:

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- All followers of Christ are ministers

Ephesians 4:11-14

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

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- All followers of Christ are ministers
- Nobody is a nobody in the eyes of God
- Status does not indicate significance
- Significance is found in trustworthiness
- Significance is found in faithfulness

In the Kingdom of God, all ministry is to be done in partnerships.

- Ministry partnership is like a family
- Ministry partners will suffer together
- Ministry partners will argue together
- Ministry partners must reconcile together
- Ministry partners encourage/praise one another

In the Kingdom of God, all ministry requires action.

- Passive ministry is not ministry at all.
- Share the Word
- Sacrifice for the Truth
- Support the Body

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THIS WEEK...

1. You are called to ministry. Act on what God has called you to do and be.
2. Show appreciation this week for your ministry partners.
3. Guard your love...don't be a Demas.

Be involved because Christ IS involved.