





Read Colossians 4:7-18.

11. List each person Paul mentions, and tell what you know about them from this passage.

12. Verses 7-9 say that Tychicus and Onesimus will inform the Colossians of Paul's situation and that the Colossians will be encouraged. Write two or three sentences as though you were one of these two men reporting on Paul. (What would you say about Paul's situation that would bring both reality and encouragement? Get your information from the book of Colossians.)

13. Verse 10 speaks of Barnabas' cousin Mark. Read Acts 13:5, 13; Acts 15:36-39. What had been Paul's relationship with Mark, and now what change can you tell has taken place? Who would you guess was responsible for the change in this young man's life? (The John in Acts 13:13 is John Mark.)

14. What application does the answer to question 13 have to you?

15. Rewrite verse 17, putting your own name in place of Archippus and substituting for the word "ministry" or "work" that which God has actually given *you* to do.

16. Thinking of Paul's instructions in Colossians 4:2-6 and the men mentioned in verses 7-17, write a prayer in response to what you've learned in this passage. (This kind of exercise keeps our knowledge from being merely academic. So please do it!)