

The Believer's Public Life

Colossians 4:5-6

An effective Christian life is seen by others

A. Walk Wisely (4:5)

1. How – In wisdom

Proverbs 15:21

2. To whom – Those without

1 Timothy 3:7

3. When – Redeeming the time

Relate strategically to others and seize opportunities

Ephesians 5:16, 2 Timothy 2:15

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B. Talk Wisely (4:6)

1. Speak prayerfully

Psalm 141:3

2. Speak graciously

Ecclesiastes 10:12

3. Speak cautiously

Proverbs 13:3, Matthew 5:37, James 1:19, 1:26

4. Speak truthfully

Proverbs 12:17-19, Ephesians 4:25

5. Speak softly

Proverbs 15:1

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B. Talk Wisely (4:6) - continued

6. Speak respectfully

Ecclesiastes 10:11, 20

7. Speak gratefully

Ephesians 5:4

8. Speak kindly

Titus 3:2

9. Speak consistently

Philippians 1:27, James 3:8-10

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B. Talk Wisely (4:6) - continued

10. Speak wisely

Ecclesiastes 12:9-11

11. Speak opportunely

1 Peter 3:15

12. Speak faithfully

Psalms 77:12, Psalms 119:172, Psalms 145:5

13. Speak wholesomely

Proverbs 16:24, Ephesians 4:29

How Do People See You?

What Friends Are For

Colossians 4:7-13

Christian friends support one another unconditionally.

What makes a good friend?

Does friendship equal fellowship?

Galatians 6:2

**Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of
Christ.**

I. Friends Share with One Another (4:7-9)

Colossians 4:7-9

7 All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord:

8 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;

9 With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here.

I. Friends Share with One Another (4:7-9)

A. Based on common background (4:7)

Tychicus = Fortuitous

Acts 20:4

And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.

Titus 3:12

When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

2 Timothy 4:12

And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.

I. Friends Share with One Another (4:7-9)

B. Based on common goals (4:8)

Philippians 2:20-21

20 For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.

21 For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

I. Friends Share with One Another (4:7-9)

C. Based on common ties (4:9)

Onesimus

Philemon 10-12

10 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

11 Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:

12 Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels:

II. Friends Accept One Another (4:10-11)

Colossians 4:10-11

10 Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)

11 And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.

II. Friends Accept One Another (4:10-11)

A. Regardless of circumstances

Aristarchus

Acts 19:28-29

28 And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

29 And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.

II. Friends Accept One Another (4:10-11)

A. Regardless of circumstances

Aristarchus - continued

Acts 27:1-2

1 And when it was determined that we should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto one named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band.

2 And entering into a ship of Adramyttium, we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia; one Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us.

II. Friends Accept One Another (4:10-11)

B. In spite of past disagreements

Marcus = John Mark

1. Left the work - Acts 13:5-13

2. Was an item of disagreement – Acts 15:36-41

3. Still can be essential

2 Timothy 4:11

Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

C. When most have gone their own way

Justus

III. Friends Pray For One Another (4:12-13)

Colossians 4:12-13

12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

13 For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.

III. Friends Pray For One Another (4:12-13)

A. The example - Epapahras

Colossians 1:7

As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;

B. The extent to which we should pray

- 1. Starts with understanding there is a need**
- 2. Develops into determination to continue in prayer**
- 3. Is evident to those around us**
- 4. Becomes a passion**

What Kind Of Friend Are You?

Proverbs 17:17

**A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for
adversity.**