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The Letter to the Colossians

- Three Churches in One Valley
- Doctrinal Challenges and Paul’s Letter

List of 10 Friends

- Partners, Companions and Heros
- The Final 5 Friends

COLOSSIANS 4:12-13

1. Epaphras Founding Pastor at Colossae

- A Good Man, A Love for People Phil 2:20

A Real Servant

- Slave for Life, An Under-Rower
- “The true test of character is when no one is _____”

A Man of Prayer

- Laboring in Prayer with Paul
- Distance and the Real War

COLOSSIANS 4:14

2. Luke the Beloved Physician

- Closest Friend, and Best Gift 2 Tim 4:11

A Medical Missionary Not all Preach, Some Patch

- The Gift of Healing and Doctors, Jesus in Jn 5
- Used His Training for the Kingdom

A Historian The Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts

- Not an Eyewitness, A True Journalist

3. Demas Provides a Warning

- Philemon v24, Col 4:14, 2 Tim 4:10

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- Judas, Demas and Privileges

Mt 13:22 Loved this Present World

- Worry and Riches
- Going the Wrong Direction
- A Progression: Lot in Gen 13:10, 13:12, 14:12

COLOSSIANS 4:15-16

4. Nymphas

- The NT Home Churches
- “The most needed ability is availability and hospitality”

The NT Practice of Reading ALL the Letters

- Read, Copy and Circulate
- The Letter from Laodicea

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5. Archippus

- Philemon v1-2 Son and Asst. Pastor
- Fulfilling Your Ministry

Ministry is not a Career but a Calling

- 2 Tim 1:6 Stirring the Gift
- God does not want you in the Ministry, He wants....._____.