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### **Lesson: PAUL'S GLOBAL MISSIONARY MODEL**

Paul closes the Book of Colossians revealing his Global Model of missionary evangelism in Col.4:7-18.

Today's lesson will study **SEVEN aspects** of Paul's Global Missionary Model.

1. Paul reveals in the study of the Book of Colossians that the core of his model was the gospel of grace salvation (1 Cor.15:4-5; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9/ Matt.28:19-20; Col.1:1-8/ read).
2. Second thing Paul revealed about his Model of Global Missionary evangelism was the formation of teams on the mission field.

He mentioned **10 team leaders** on the fields of Asia Minor by name (Tychicus, Onesimus, Aristarchus, Barnabas's cousin Mark, Justus, Epaphras, Luke, Demas, Nympha, and Archippus).

3. Paul had them broken up into field teams engaged in Asia Minor.

Team One was couriers to get the **Pauline circular letters** of New Covenant Bible into hand of specific church groups of Asia Minor (**Col.4:7-9**/ Tychius and Onesimus).

Team Two consisted of Jewish converts working with Paul on missionary evangelism of Gentiles (**Col.4:10-11**/ Aristarchus, Mark, Justus).

Team Three consisted of Gentile converts from Asia Minor engaged on home turf (**Col.4:12-17**/ Epaphras, Luke, Demas, Nympha, and Archippus).

**4.** What I found interesting is Paul **use of adjectives** in describing certain positive spiritual maturity characteristics of Missionary team leaders.

#### **Team One (Couriers)**

- **Tychius** (4:7-8): Beloved brother, faithful servant, fellow bonds slave.
- **Onesimus** (4:9): Faithful, beloved brother, one of your number.

5. With Team Two, Paul gives additional information regarding the Jewish team (4:10-11).

#### **Team Two (Jewish/ work among the circumcision)**

**Aristarchus** (Acts 20:4; 27:2), **Mark, and Justus:** My **fellow prisoner**, have proved to be an encouragement to Paul. These were **fellow workers** for the kingdom of God.

Paul commanded Colossians to welcome Mark (who went AWOL on 1<sup>st</sup> M.E.T (Acts 13-14).

6. Team Three is largest group of Gentiles of Asia Minor that were saved and trained under Paul's missionary model of taking responsibility of converts spiritual growth.

#### **Team Three (Gentile Nationalist)**

Epaphras, Luke, Demas, Nympha, and Archippus (4:12-17)

**Epaphras** - One of your number, bonds slave of Jesus Christ, labors earnestly for the you in his prayers, deeply concerned for their spiritual growth.

**Luke** – The Beloved physician, sends his greeting

**Demas** – NOTHING

**Nympha**- church in her house.

**Archippus** – words from veteran to recruit – *“Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it.”* (4:18)

7. It is worth noting that Paul issued six commands in 4:10-17.

1<sup>st</sup> command (4:10) is **to welcome** Mark (dechomai/ **a.m.impv.2pl**).

2<sup>nd</sup> command (4:15) is **to greet** the brethren of Laodicea and Nympha (aspazomai/ a.m.impv.2pl).

3<sup>rd</sup> command (4:16) is **to have** Colossian read as a circular letter (poieo/ a,a.impv.2pl).

4<sup>th</sup> command (4:17a) **to say** to Archippus (lego/ a.a.impv.2pl).

5<sup>th</sup> command (4:17b) **take heed to** the ministry received from Lord (blepo/ **p.a.impv.2ps**).

6<sup>th</sup> command (4:18) **to remember** my imprisonment (mnemoneuo/ p.a.impv.2pl).

8. Paul not only signed this Epistle but sent it by his personal couriers. **“I Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my imprisonment. Grace be with you.”** (4:18)

It is believed that someone had earlier written a letter to Thessalonian Church and forged Paul's name to it (2 Thess.2:1-3).

Paul opened the Book of Colossians with Grace and closed it with Grace (1:2; 4:18/ **“Grace be with you.”**)