



Colossians – Part 10
Engaging Our Life in the Community

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1. Be _____ in community ministry.

Colossians 4:2-4 (NLT), “²Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. ³Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. ⁴Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should.”

Ephesians 6:19-20 (NLT), “¹⁹And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God’s mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. ²⁰I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God’s ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.”

Matthew 5:16 ESV, “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

2. Be _____ in community involvement.

Colossians 4:5-6 (NLT), “⁵Live wisely among those who are not believers and make the most of every opportunity. ⁶Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.”

1 Peter 3:15-16 (NIV), “¹⁵But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.”

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NLT), “¹⁵So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.”

3. Support the local _____ in your community.

Colossians 4:7-16 (NLT), “⁷Tychicus will give you a full report about

how I am getting along. He is a beloved brother and **faithful helper who serves with me in the Lord’s work**. ⁸I have sent him to you for this very purpose – to let you know how we are doing and to encourage you. ⁹I am also sending **Onesimus**, a faithful and beloved brother, one of your own people. He and Tychicus will tell you everything that’s happening here. ¹⁰**Aristarchus**, who is in prison with me, sends you his greetings, and so does **Mark, Barnabas’s** cousin. As you were instructed before, make Mark welcome if he comes your way. ¹¹**Jesus** (the one we call **Justus**) also sends his greetings. These are the only Jewish believers among my co-workers; they are **working with me here for the Kingdom of God**. And **what a comfort they have been!** ¹²**Epaphras**, a member of your own fellowship and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends you his greetings. He always prays earnestly for you, asking God to make you strong and perfect, fully confident that you are following the whole will of God. ¹³I can assure you that he prays hard for you and also for the believers in Laodicea and Hierapolis. ¹⁴**Luke**, the beloved doctor, sends his greetings, and so does **Demas**. ¹⁵Please give my greetings to our brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to **Nympha** and the church that meets in her house. ¹⁶After you have read this letter, pass it on to the church at Laodicea so they can read it, too. And you should read the letter I wrote to them.”

Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV), “⁹Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

4. Fulfill your _____ ministry in your community.

Colossians 4:17-18 (NLT), “¹⁷And say to **Archippus**, “Be sure to carry out the ministry the Lord gave you.” ¹⁸Here is my greeting in my own handwriting – Paul. Remember my chains. May God’s grace be with you.”

2 Timothy 4:5, “⁵But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don’t be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.”

2 Timothy 4:6-8 (NLT), “⁶As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. ⁸And now the prize awaits me – the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.”