

Lesson 13: Standing in All the Will of God

Scripture Song: Rejoice always – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Philippians 4:6

A. Mission through multiplication

1. Where was the Apostle Paul located when writing this inspired letter to Christians in Colossae? Colossians 4:3, Acts 28:16,30-31
2. Colossians 4:7-9 How did the impact of Paul's ministry continue to expand even during his time in prison? (see also Philippians 1:12-14)
3. What do you know about the individuals the Apostle Paul sent to deliver his letter to Christians in Colossae?
4. Who was Tychicus? Acts 20:2-4, Ephesians 6:21
5. Who was Onesimus? Philemon 10-16

B. Fellowship with other followers of Jesus

1. Colossians 4:10-11 Who were some other followers of Jesus supporting the Apostle Paul during his imprisonment in Rome?
2. What additional information do we know about Aristarchus, a fellow prisoner with the Apostle Paul? Acts 19:29, 27:2
3. What additional information do we know about Jesus called Justus? Is this the same Justus mentioned in Acts 18:7
4. What lesson can we learn from the life experience of John Mark, the cousin of Barnabas? Acts 13:4-5,12, 15:36-39, 2 Timothy 4:11
5. What lessons can we learn from Luke, the beloved physician who traveled with the Apostle Paul?
6. What sad lesson can we learn from the life of Demas? 2 Timothy 4:10, 1 John 2:15-17

C. The testimony of Epaphras

1. Who was Epaphras? Colossians 4:12a, 1:3-8
2. What are your thoughts about his prayer for his fellow believers in Colossae? Colossians 4:12b
3. What can we learn from Epaphras about our mission assignment? Colossians 4:13, Acts 1:8
4. How is God impressing you to expand your mission impact beyond your immediate circle of influence?

D. A message for Laodicea

1. What instruction did the Apostle Paul give regarding the sharing of his letter to Christians in Colossae? Colossians 4:16
2. What was the content of Paul's letter to Laodicea? (Colossians 2:1-3, related to Revelation 3:17-21)
3. What admonition did Paul give to Archippus, a church leader in Laodicea? Colossians 4:17
4. How does this admonition relate to our lives today?