

## Colossians 4

King James Version (KJV)

**4** Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven. (Treat those who work for you fairly. Pay them fair wages for their work)

<sup>2</sup>Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

<sup>3</sup>Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: (Paul was in prison for teaching God's Word, not for committing any crimes. That's why the jailer allowed Paul to write these letters. He knew that Paul had committed no crimes against Roman law)

<sup>4</sup>That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

<sup>5</sup>Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. (Be nice to people. Be patient when teaching people God's Word. But always stand up for what's right, if there is disagreement. Right is right and wrong is wrong. The truth is absolute)

<sup>7</sup>All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord: (Tychicus = faithful) (He was a former student of Paul's, and now acted as a minister to this church)

<sup>8</sup>Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts; (Paul's ministry was to bring people to Christianity by teaching them God's Word. Knowing God's Word gives us comfort and peace of mind)

<sup>9</sup>With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here. (Onesimus= profitable) (They will bring the people news of Paul, in Rome)

<sup>10</sup>Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come

unto you, receive him;) (Marcus - this was Mark John, who wrote the Gospel of Mark)

<sup>11</sup>And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellow workers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me. (Justus was of the Pharisees. Like Paul, he also became a Christian)

(Most of the Pharisees and the Sadducees from the Jewish religion would not accept Jesus as Messiah; although most knew God's Word <the Old Testament> very well. It's amazing how they all knew that the Messiah would come; and yet most of them missed Him, when He did come into the world)

<sup>12</sup>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. (perfect and complete = mature with understanding in God's Word)

(If you ask for something, ask it if it is in God's will. God knows what you can deal with and what will get you in trouble. Trust in His wisdom to guide you)

<sup>13</sup>For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis. (Paul was vouching for them as Christians)

<sup>14</sup>Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you. (Luke wrote the Gospel of Luke. He also served Paul as his scribe, because of Paul's poor eyesight. Luke, a medical doctor, was well educated)

<sup>15</sup>Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house.

<sup>16</sup>And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea. (Many believe that the letter to Laodicea was Paul's epistle to the Ephesians)

<sup>17</sup>And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.

<sup>18</sup>The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen. (Paul signed this letter himself. Paul's writing was big because of his poor eyesight)