

The Good Life -- Week 4
Selflessness in Christ
Colossians 3 & 4

Getting To Know You:

- 1) Name a candy bar that you'd rather not share.
- 2) What are some methods your parents employed to teach you selflessness?
- 3) Whose face comes to mind when you think of the person who would give you his/her last dollar?

Digging Deeper:

- 4) What does Col. 3:23 mean by the instructions "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men?" How does that differ from working for self? How might the phrase "Whatever you do" change our attitudes about seemingly mundane tasks?
- 5) In advancing the Gospel, (4:2-6) what is the role of Prayer? Watchfulness? Graceful Talk?
- 6) Why is thankfulness such a key ingredient in a Christian's life (2:7, 3:15,17)? How might a selfless heart expand our thankfulness?
- 7) How does Paul describe Tychicus (4:7-9)? Paul's references to Tychicus in other Scriptures (Eph. 6:21, 2 Tim 4:12, Titus 3:12) mention Tychicus being "sent" to help share the Gospel. What does that infer about his character?
- 8) What do you know about Onesimus? See Philemon 10-16. Which of Paul's rules, instructions and greetings would be appropriate in preparing to receive this runaway slave from Colossae?
- 9) What does Col 4:12 tell us that Epaphras was always doing? What was his prayer? How does Col. 1:7 give us insight into his dedication to unceasing prayer for the believers at Colossae?
- 10) Name some of the specific selfless qualities of the people mentioned in Col. 4: 7-15.

Living It Out:

- 11) What are some of the examples of selflessness that Jesus demonstrated for Paul and for all of us to follow?
- 12) Why is it so important to **practice** selflessness? How might that practice open doors of opportunity to share the Gospel?
- 13) How does your life demonstrate who you live for? Which qualities of a selfless character do you need to practice more to truly live The Good Life in Christ?