



# Be Trustworthy!

## Following in the Footsteps of Tychicus

Lesson 2 • Colossians 4:7-9

- **The Book of Colossians** is like a GPS (God's Positioning System) for finding our satisfaction in the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ. **Satisfaction is guaranteed** in your personal life when Christ is all **and** in all areas of your life.

- **Colossians 4:7-18** reminds us that our ministry to others is the overflow of our relationship with Christ. 12 people are mentioned by name. Each one sought to **make their mark for eternity**. We are **following in the footsteps of those who fulfilled their ministries**, so we too can make our mark for eternity!

**One of the most valuable possessions in life is \_\_\_\_\_!**

*Trust is the oil that makes life run smoothly!*

*Being trustworthy is the basic building block of making your mark for eternity!*

**Follow in the Footsteps of Tychicus and \_\_\_\_\_! Colossians 4:7-9**

### I. A Man Who Made His Mark: Tychicus = "Fortunate (Fortuitous)"

- Tychicus is mentioned **5 times** in Scripture that covers a decade of ministry in places all over the Roman Empire.

#### Tychicus Was a Trustworthy Traveler

- 1) The churches of Asia **trusted him** to carry their financial contribution to the believers in Jerusalem.

*Acts 20:4* (AD 56)

- 2) Paul **trusted him** to carry his letters to the Colossians, Ephesians, Laodiceans, and Philemon.

*Colossians 4:7-9; Ephesians 6:21* (c. AD 60-62 = 4-6 years later)

- 3) Paul **trusted him** to communicate the circumstances of his imprisonment, confront the false teachers at Colossae, and comfort the hearts of the Colossians!

- 4) Paul **trusted him** to replace Titus in Crete.

*Titus 3:12* (c. AD 62-64 = 1-2 years later)

- 5) Paul **trusted him** to replace Timothy in Ephesus at the end of his life... *and possibly deliver his very last letter!*

*2 Timothy 4:12* (c. AD 64- 67 = 5-7 years later or less if Paul was martyred in the mid 60's)



#### Tychicus Could Be Trusted to...

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ others in ministry.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ the truth to others in ministry.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ others in ministry.

- Tychicus could be trusted to do *anything, anywhere, anytime, at any cost* in a Christ-like manner, with a biblical message, and a servant's mindset!

**Did Tychicus Make His Mark by Sheer "Chance"? Was He Just "Fortunate" to Fulfill His Ministry in the Lord?**

Tychicus developed a \_\_\_\_\_ of trustworthiness!

**2. Make Your Mark: Be Trustworthy in the Lord!**

- \_\_\_\_\_ as a fully devoted Christ follower! (4:7)

*"Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord."*

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Christ as your Savior and Lord. *"in the Lord"*

✦ Stay on track with a **growing relationship** with the Lord that is fed by God's Word and fueled by God's Spirit in corporate worship and daily time with the Lord. *Colossians 1:5-7*

- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ through community with other believers. *"a beloved brother"*

✦ Stay on track with **real fellowship** with other believers in a GrowGroup, Discovery Class, and Grow 1-on-1. *Colossians 2:6-7; 2:1-2; 3:12-17; 1:28-29*

- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Christ by loving and serving others in our church and community. *"a faithful minister (= servant)"*

✦ Stay on track with **outstanding membership** in our church by getting involved in church ministry and community projects. *Colossians 1:3-5; 2:5; 3:1-4*

- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ to the lost here at home and around the world. *"a fellow servant (= slave)"*

✦ Stay on track with **whole-hearted partnership** sharing the gospel through daily opportunities, our community outreaches, and the World Outreach Celebration and Faith Promise Giving. *Colossians 1:6-8; 4:2-6*

- Develop a track record of trust \_\_\_\_\_! (4:8-9)

*Trust is to human relationships what faith is to gospel living. It is the beginning place, the foundation upon which more can be built. Where trust is, love can flourish. ~Barbara Smith*

- 1) Always model the message—it is always hardest at home!
- 2) Never outgrow being faithful in the little things—the greatest in the Kingdom is a servant of all!
- 3) Keep taking next steps to **KNOW-GROW-SHOW-GO** with Christ—God has not called us to selfishness but service!
- 4) Be faithful to do anything, anytime, anywhere, at any cost—it simply takes a Christ-like manner, a biblical message, and a servant's mindset.
- 5) Developing a track record of trust is one of the greatest ways to encourage the hearts of God's leaders and people.

**Make Your Mark: Follow in the Footsteps of Tychicus and Be Trustworthy!**

*Develop a track record of trust over time by taking steps to stay on track as a fully devoted Christ follower!*

