What Can I Do?

Greg Kline · Colossians 4:7–18

INTRODUCTION

- I want to look at this section this morning and consider could this be said of us? What could be said of you and your service to the kingdom?
- We can't do everything. But there is something for us to do in the kingdom of God.
- To say that there is something I can do and do nothing is an excuse and a cop-out.

1 You Can Encourage Like Tychicus

Colossians 4:7–8; Ephesians 6:21–22; Acts 20:4

- He is a beloved brother, and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts.
- Tychicus was not Paul, and yet he was a tremendous aid to Paul.
- Tychicus was committed to the cause of Christ, and he did what he could.
- I can be an encouragement to others. How? I can pass along good news.
- There is not a single person here who couldn't do that.

2 Work Like Aristarchus Did

Colossians 4:10–11; Acts 19:29; Acts 20:4

- These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God. And they have been a comfort to me.
- What did Aristarchus do? He worked. What did Aristarchus not do? Cowered down.
- Aristarchus was not afraid to work. Aristarchus was not afraid of consequences.
- Boy, has more work ever been left undone by the phrase, somebody will do it, than perhaps any other thought process in history. We should consider that I can do it.
- If you do something, that enables someone else to do something even else.

3 Struggling in Prayer Like Epaphras

Colossians 4:12–13; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17

- Always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.
- We can all do this. We all should do this.
- Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.
- He was fervently praying. He was agonizingly praying.
- Perhaps we should get in the habit of praying for one another.

4 Hosting Like Nympha

Colossians 4:15

- Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea and to Nympha and the church in her house.
- She used something that she had. And she used it for the benefit of God in her local congregation.
- We all have something to offer, even if it's something physical.

5 Don't Be Like Demas

Colossians 4:14; Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:10

- For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica.
- How do we end up doing nothing? How come we don't do these things? Encourage, work, pray, host? Because we get distracted. Because it's about me.

6 Praise Others Like Paul

- Something you can do this day, and maybe even in between Bible class and this lesson, you can praise others like Paul.
- Can you imagine if everyone in this congregation went behind each other's back, complimenting each other?
- If I tell someone else what a great Bible student John is, whoa. What impact we can have.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We stick with the faith and don't leave it like Demas. And we praise others. We will be an unstoppable force, an unstoppable workers in the kingdom of God. And what else is there in life to live for?**

MY NOTES