

One of Us

1. Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

2. Continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving.

3. 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:

4. That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

5. Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

6. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer every man.

7. All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and **fellow servant** in the Lord:

8. Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;

9. With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, **who is one of you**. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here. (Onie was an escaped slave)

10. Aristarchus my **fellow** prisoner salutes you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)

11. 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.

12. Epaphras, **who is one of you**, a servant of Christ, salutes you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that *you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God*.

13. For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.

14. **Luke**, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.

15. Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the **church which is in his house**.

16. And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that you likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.

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

18. *The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.*

John 17:21-23 That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: **that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me**. 22. And the **glory** which Thou gave Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one: 23. I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and **that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me**, and **have loved them**, as Thou hast loved Me.

Colossians 1:27b ...which is Christ in you, the hope of **glory**

Encourage one another.

David Guzik https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hx_LtKyvCvg (go to 2:15 minute mark for verse 17)

Colossian 4:17 And say to Archippus, “**Take heed to the ministry** which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.” There was a word to Archippus, or rather a word they were supposed to say to Archippus “**take heed to the ministry**”.

*I suppose Archippus would be there when they read Paul's letter to the congregation, and towards the end of the letter, as this line was read everybody would turn to Archippus and wish him just what Paul said. They would all say to Archippus “**hey, take heed to the ministry**”.*

This encouragement to Archippus spoke both to him and to us regarding some of the **enduring principles of serving God**.

1. *God gives Ministry to His people.*
2. *True Ministry is received in the Lord.*
3. *Ministry may be left unfulfilled if we aren't careful.*
4. *One must take heed to their ministry in order for it to be fulfilled.*
5. **Finally, we should encourage others to fulfill their Ministry.**

Is there some way God has given you to serve Him, His people, in a world that needs Jesus? Then listen be an Archippus, and **take heed to your ministry**, the one that you have received in the Lord, and maybe you can encourage someone else to take heed to the ministry that God's given them.

Your encouragement may do more good than you can ever imagine.

Let's do it, let's take heed to fulfill the ministry we've received in the Lord, and we can take heed to do that today.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-13

1. But of the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I write unto you.
2. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.
- ...8. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of *faith and love*; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.
9. For God *has not* appointed us to wrath, *but to* obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
10. Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.
- 11. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also you do.**
12. And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; (1 Timothy 5:19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.)
13. And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.
- 14/15/16. Exhort, warn, comfort, support, patient toward all men. None render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.
16. Rejoice evermore. 17. Pray without ceasing.
18. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
19. Quench not the Spirit.
20. Despise not prophesyings (*and note right after is*) 21. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
23. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 24. Faithful is He that called you, Who also will do it.** 25. Brethren, pray for us. 26. Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss. 27. Read to all 28. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.