

SERMON OUTLINE

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The Influence of Others

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I. Introduction

- A. What will people remember about you? Your lasting impression?
- B. The Book of Colossians: Prison letter to help them focus on Christ

II. Touching the Lives of Others

- A. The Influence of Tychicus: **Colossians 4:7-14**
 - 1. About his life
 - a. **Acts 20:1-5** - traveled with Paul on close of 3rd journey
 - b. Implication - **Colossians 4:7-8** - he knows about the work
 - 2. He brings encouragement
 - a. **Colossians 4:8** - that he may encourage you
 - b. **Colossians 2:1-2** - Paul's great struggle to encourage
- B. The Influence of Onesimus
 - 1. About his life: **Philmn 1:10-14** - escaped slave; "faithful"
 - 2. He shows humility
 - a. Would you have wanted to return to Philemon? **Phl 1:18**
 - b. Why is Paul sending him?? **Philemon 1:15-16**
- C. The Influence of Aristarchus
 - 1. About his life
 - a. **Acts 19:28-32** - Threatened at Ephesus
 - b. **Acts 27:1-2** - Accompanies Paul to Rome when in prison
 - 2. He demonstrates commitment
 - a. Isn't it encouraging to have committed people in your life?
 - b. **2 Corinthians 4:16-18** - they look to the goal
- D. The Influence of Epaphras
 - 1. About his life: **Col 4:12** - a "bondslave" (doulos) of Christ
 - 2. One who labored for others
 - a. **Colossians 4:12-13** - always laboring in prayers
 - b. **Colossians 3:17** - give thanks - others are helping you
- E. The Influence of Luke
 - 1. About his life: Traveled with Paul and recorded for us - why?
 - 2. One who wants others to know the truth
 - a. **Luke 1:1-4** - so that he would know the exact truth
 - b. He faced dangers made sacrifices to get truth to others