

Further Instructions: Devote Yourself to Prayer

Colossians 4:2-18

Topics:

Believers, Church, Circumstances, Conversation, Encouragement, Grace, Jesus Christ, Kingdom of God/Heaven, Maturity, Partnerships, Prayer, Serving, Thankfulness, Wisdom

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Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.

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As he began to draw his letter to a close, Paul turned his focus back to the church as a whole, reminding the Colossians of their corporate responsibilities.

Paul often closed his letters by sending personal greetings from himself and others with him to individuals in the church to whom he wrote.



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NEXT WEEK'S LESSON

1 Thessalonians
*“Introduction and
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