



The People Behind Ministry

Colossians 4:10-18

Behind the name of a church is a host of people whose personal service and inter-relationships are key to the effectiveness of the church. Paul opens the curtain to see some of those people as he closes his letter to the church at Colosse.

B.L.U.F. (bottom line up front) – *Learn from people*

1. People Important to Paul

1. Companions in Rome v. 10-14
 - ⇒ Fellow Jews v. 10-11
 - (1) Aristarchus – a fearless man
 - (2) Marcus – a forgiven man
 - (3) Justus – a soothing man
 - ⇒ Trusted Gentiles v. 12-14
 - (1) Epaphras – a fervent man
 - (2) Luke – a famous man
 - (3) Demas – a floundering man

2. Companions in Asia v. 15-17
 - ⇒ Nymphas – a hospitable man
 - ⇒ Archippus – an available man

2. Lessons Important to Us

1. Remain faithful to the end v. 11b
“comfort” = soothing balm

2. Fight for people on your knees v. 12-13
“perfect & complete” = matured, developed, spiritually mature

3. Work with other churches v. 15-16

4. Give your ministry your best! v. 17

5. Never forget about those who are suffering for Christ v. 18