

TYCHICUS A FAITHFUL SERVANT

COLOSSIANS 4:7-8; EPHESIANS 6:21-24

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Introduction:

By all accounts, Edward Kimball was really an NORMAL MAN.

He worked a normal job, attended a normal church, and taught a normal Bible study class.

One day a young man named Dwight visited his class. It was clear Dwight didn't know the Bible. One Saturday as Ed was preparing his Sunday school lesson, the Lord put a burden on his heart to visit the shoe store where Dwight worked and share the gospel with that young man.

That day a Boston shoe clerk surrendered his life to Jesus. The clerk, Dwight L. Moody, eventually became an evangelist.

In England in 1879, DL Moody awakened an evangelistic zeal in the heart of Fredrick B. Meyer, pastor of a small church.

F. B. Meyer, preaching to an American college campus, led to Christ a student named J. Wilbur Chapman.

Chapman, engaged in YMCA work, employed a former baseball player, Billy Sunday, to do evangelistic work.

You just never know what to results of being a faithful servant will be.

Such was the case of this man named Tychicus; A behind the scenes, out of sight, & out of mind kind of Christian servant.

And as we look at his life this morning, I believe we can learn some important qualities of his character that we can apply in our lives right away.

Note:

1. HE WAS SELFLESS – BELOVED BROTHER (COL. 4:7, EPH. 6:21)

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Ephesians 6:21

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A. He Was A “Beloved Brother”

Keep in mind that at this time Paul is in prison. He is imprisoned for his faith and commitment to the Lord.

Where is Tychicus?

He is close by his brother, and his friend right there in Prison.

Notice Paul didn't refer to him as a friend but rather a brother.

Proverbs 17:17

¹⁷ A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

2. HE WAS STEADFAST – FAITHFUL MINISTER (COL. 4:7, EPH. 6:21)

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When Paul says he was faithful, he was referring to his ability to persevere through anything.

No matter what barrier, no matter what temptation, no matter what feelings he had... He was faithful.

Faith – Ful

He was Full of Faith

- Faithfulness begins with OBSERVATION.

What needs to be done? Lord, where can I fit in?

- The next step is PARTICIPATION.

I'm going to jump in and help with all my might.

- Faithfulness is sustained by SUBMISSION.

3. HE WAS SERIOUS – I HAVE SENT (COL 4:8, EPH. 6:22)

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

Ephesians 6:22

²² Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and *that* he might comfort your hearts.

There was an element in Tychicus that was fearless.

He as truly serious about the things of God.

What does a serious servant look like?

- Perseverance

No matter what comes my way. No matter what mistakes I make. No matter what I might be feeling.

I'm going to give myself wholly to the Lord and serve Him.

Matthew 16:24-25

²⁴ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. ²⁵ For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

- Patient

How many times have people run ahead of the Lord and fallen flat on their faces? Many times.

A serious believer will spend their time and attention in the Word, in prayer, seeking God's will not theirs.

Acts 2:42

⁴² And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

- Progress

A serious servant is growing more like Jesus.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

¹⁷ Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. ¹⁸ But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

He was serious & available to be sent with this important letter to the churches surrounding Colossi and Ephesus.

4. HE WAS SENSITIVE – COMFORT YOUR HEARTS (COL 4:8, EPH. 6:22)

He was sent to COMFORT

Acts 9:31

³¹ Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

Close: