EXPLORING COLOSSIANS

John Phillips Commentary secondary source after KJV Bible

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTIANS (Colossians 3:1 – 4:6)

**Col 4:1-4** *Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven. Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; 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: that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.*

I. THE STATEMENT OF WHAT IS EXPECTED (3:1-4)

II. THE STEPS TO WHAT IS EXPECTED (3:5 – 4:6)

 A. Our Personal Life (3:5-14)

 B. In Our Church Life (3:15-17)

 C. In Our Domestic Life (3:18-21)

 D. In Our Business Life (3:22-4:1)

 1. Men and their tasks (3:22-25)

 2. Masters and their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (4:1)

 a. The man \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ authority (4:1a)

*Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal*.

 b. The man \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ authority (4:1b)

*Knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven*.

 E. In Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Life (4:2-6)

 1. We are to be prayerful in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (4:2-4)

 a. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ habit of our lives (4:2a)

*Continue in prayer*…

 b. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ habit of our lives (4:2b)

*Continue in prayer, and watch in the same*.

 c. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ habit of our lives (4:2c)

*Continue in prayer…with thanksgiving*.

 d. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ habit of our lives (4:3-4)

*Withal [at the same time] 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: that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak*.

Conclusion: We must pray more / we must become more proficient in prayer / we must be thankful for prayer / we must pray for others and God’s will upon this world.