

Accept No Substitutes

Fulfill Your Ministry

1. Discuss the importance of reading the Bible as an individual. Discuss also the benefits of reading the Bible while in a group.
2. Imagine that you only had a small portion of our current Scriptures—Colossians or Ephesians. How well would you know that portion? What would you do differently with it than you do with all 66 books?
3. Look over the Ministry Survey. Why are there so many areas of ministry? How do we determine which areas we should try? Can you get into too *many* areas of service?
4. What does it mean to “take heed” to a ministry (v. 17)?
5. How can we be distracted from our ministries?
6. What is the value of understanding that our ministries come from the Lord?
7. Some say that 80% of the work of a church is done by 20% of its people. How could this happen? What is the value of getting a higher percentage to serve?

Colossians 4:16-18 ¹⁶Now when this epistle is read among you, see that it is read also in the church of the Laodiceans, and that you likewise read the epistle from Laodicea. ¹⁷And say to Archippus, “Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the lord, that you may fulfill it.” ¹⁸This salutation by my own hand—Paul. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. Amen.

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Monday

Choose one of the shorter (6 chapters or less) “epistles” or letters and read it all in one sitting. How long did it take you? What was it like reading it all as one unit?

Tuesday

Write below what you believe to be the main message in the epistle you read yesterday.

Wednesday

Read II Timothy 3:16 and think about how the Word has been most profitable to you lately.

Thursday

What ministry(s) do you believe God has given you? How are you fulfilling it/them?

Friday

Paul used the word “amen” in many of his letters. It seems that he is interested in putting an exclamation point on what God has said. What are some things that you want to “amen” God about?

Saturday

Tomorrow Pastor will be summarizing highlights of the study of Colossians. This would be a good day to review notes and look over the four chapters studied.
