

# Colossians

## (23) Epaphras and Dr. Luke

Col 4:12-18

12 Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bondslave of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God. 13 For I testify for him that he has a deep concern for you and for those who are in Laodicea and Hierapolis. 14 Luke, the beloved physician, sends you his greetings, and also Demas. 15 Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea and also Nympha and the church that is in her house. 16 When this letter is read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and you, for your part read my letter that is coming from Laodicea. 17 Say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it."

18 I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my imprisonment. Grace be with you.  
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### About Epaphras...4:12-13

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What application(s) do we glean from this?

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What else do we know about Dr. Luke? 4:10-11; IITim.4:11; Luke 1; Acts 1

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What is the *dramatic* contrast between Luke and Demas? IITim.4:9-11

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What personal application(s) do you see in Luke? And Demas?

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## About Epaphras...4:12-13

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**He was the founder of the church at Colossae and obviously, '...one of your number...'**

Paul also identifies Epaphras as a *bonds slave*. 4:12 Why is this significant? Rom.1:1

**Bonds slave=doulos (under-rower). Lowest level of slave. Later became; voluntary to Christ**

What *commendation* does Paul give to Epaphras? 4:13 deep concern; see Rev.16:10-11

**He testified that Epaphras had a deep concern for those @ Colossae, Laodicea, Hierapolis**

How did Paul see this deep concern demonstrated? 4:12b Eph.4:13-14, 6:11-17

**He 'agonized' in prayer for them to stand mature / fully assured in all the will of God.**

What personal application do you see in Epaphras? See 4:2, 12

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## About Luke...4:14

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**Luke was a beloved medical doctor who traveled w/Paul; served / encouraged him.**

What do we know about Dr. Luke's ministry? Philem.24; IITim.4:11

**He was faithful (to the end, IITim.4:11), behind the scenes, the first medical missionary!**

What application(s) do we glean from this?

**The Lord uses ordinary folk with 'worldly' gifts/skills to further His work. Just be willing.**

What else do we know about Dr. Luke? 4:10-11; IITim.4:11; Luke 1; Acts 1

**Luke is a Gentile, He wrote the Gospel of Luke & Acts. Only Gentile author of Scripture.**

What is the *dramatic* contrast between Luke and Demas? IITim.4:9-11

**Luke was faithful through all the trials, to the end. Demas deserted Paul and the ministry.**

What personal application(s) do you see in Luke? And Demas?

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