



Colossians 4:7-18--Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts. He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here. My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.) Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me. Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis. Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings. Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea. Tell Archippus: "See to it that you complete the work you have received in the Lord." I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

5 Reasons We Appreciate Our Dads

1. Dads leave a _____.

See Colossians 4:7,8.

2 Purposes of Being a Dad

1. Create an _____ that helps your kids become _____ of Jesus.

Psalm 78:4--We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.

2. _____ them for _____.

>> How do we do that?

- 1. Spent _____ with them.**
- 2. _____ them with words.**
- 3. Show them unconditional _____.**
- 4. _____ for them daily.**

2. Dads embrace the _____ that lie ahead.

See Colossians 4:9.

Philippians 3:13,14--Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

3. Dads stand for what is _____ even when it gets _____.

See Colossians 4:10,11.

4. Dads lead their family _____.

See Colossians 4:12.

5. Dads never _____.

See Colossians 4:18.

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. What are some ways you have created an environment that helps your kids become disciples of Jesus?
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. Share a time when you made the right call, even though it was tough.
4. Share some ways that Dads can lead their family spiritually.
5. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.