**A BUSY “BE” AS A CHILD OF GOD**

Colossians 4:10-13

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**INTRODUCTION**

This is the last in a series of sermons based upon Paul’s letter to the Colossians. Paul has sought to encourage the Christians there and to express his love for them. Paul mentions several people in his closing remarks, including Onesimus, the runaway slave who belonged to Philemon. Onesimus is with Paul and is described as being from Colosse. He mentions several others and gives us a description of what a child of God should be like. I see his comments as a call for us to be busy “be’s.” You probably know that bees are busy all day long and are committed to the hive and the Queen Bee (representing to me “the congregation” & “the Church”). Let us see what the Child of God is supposed to be.

1. **Be a hospitable person (“welcome him”—v. 10).**
2. Welcome people into your **life**.
3. Welcome people into the **Kingdom** of **God**.
4. **Be a comforter (“fellow workers”—v. 11).**
5. Since we work together, we should understand one another’s **needs**.
6. Since we work together, we should understand one another’s **struggles**.
7. **Be a team player (“one of you & a servant of Christ”—v. 12).**
8. There is no role for a **loner** to play in the Kingdom of God.
9. There is no one who can do the work **alone**.
10. **Be a prayer warrior (“wrestling in prayer” for one another—v. 12).**
11. Pray that God’s people may stand **firm**.
12. Pray that God’s people may be **mature** & fully **assured**.
13. **Be a hard worker (“working hard for” for one another—v. 13).**
14. There is no room for **easy** living.
15. There is no time to **stop** working.

Jesus said, *“As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work”* (John 9:4).

**CONCLUSION**

It is apparent from the way Paul concludes this letter that he expects God’s people to be busy “be’s.” Are you as busy as a bee every day? Are you doing these five things every day? Are you showing hospitality, comforting others, being part of the team, wrestling in prayer, and working hard? God expects these things from us. God deserves these things from us. Let us be busy doing the work of God, following the plan of God, and fulfilling the will of God. This is no time to let up or let down.

*“To the work! To the work! We are servants of God;*

*Let us follow the path that our Master has trod;*

*With the balm of His counsel our strength to renew,*

*Let us do with our might what our hands find to do.*

*Toiling on, toiling on, toiling on, toiling on,*

*Let us hope and trust, Let us watch and pray,*

*And labor till the Master comes.”*