

## The Book of Colossians

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## Morning Devotions

Read a Scripture passage of your choice. Talk with the Lord as you read his Word. When you are finished, go back and select one or two verses which you believe God is using to speak to you and meditate thoughtfully and prayerfully on what he is saying.

## Morning Study

This morning we are going to look at the fifth and final section of Colossians – **3:18-4:18**. This last section divides into three subsections. Read each subsection, answering for yourself the questions associated with them. Type out your answers or jot them down on a piece of paper and file your answers with your morning study.

### Read Colossians 3:18-4:1

- Write next to each of the six relationships Paul lists in **3:18-4:1** the particular action a Christian should do in that relationship.
- In the work relationship (**3:22-25**), what is the motive for “obey[ing] your earthly masters in everything”?
- Who does Paul say you are actually working for? (**3:23-24**).

### Read Colossians 4:2-6

- In **4:2**, what are the important two attributes of prayer that Paul mentions?
- In what two main things does Paul asks them to pray for him? (**4:3-4**).
- In **4:5-6**, what does Paul say your conversation is to be like if you are to be wise and to know how to answer everyone?

### Read Colossians 4:7-18

- In **4:7**, what three attributes of Tychicus does Paul use to recommend him to the Colossians?
- How was Epaphras always “wrestling” (or “working hard”) for the Colossians? (**4:12-13**).
- What are the three things he was “wrestling” for them to have in the will of God? (**4:12-13**).

# MEMORY VERSE

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4:5-6

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!