

Being an Honorable Mention Christian

Colossians 4:7-18

Some Christians are Hall of Fame Christians. Others are Honorable Mention Christians (that's not a bad thing to be). Most, if not all, of us will never be a Hall of Fame Christian. But we can be an Honorable Mention Christian like the men and women we meet in our text.

To be an honorable mention Christian, I will...

1. Take _____ to a higher level.

7 Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. 8 I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts. (Colossians 4:7,8)

1) Be a " _____" Christian.

Like the coolness of snow at harvest time is a trustworthy messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the spirit of his masters. (Proverbs 25:13)

2) Be a " _____" Christian.

- Verve: the spirit and enthusiasm; energy, vitality

2. Refuse to be a _____ of my past.

1) When I've made foolish decisions, I will accept the consequences and _____.

He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here. (Colossians 4:9)

2) I will prove that there is more to me than my _____.

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.) (Colossians 4:10)

Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

(2 Timothy 4:11)

3. Do right, even when it _____.

1) I will take a _____ for Jesus.

My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings (Colossians 4:10)

2) I will show that I have true _____.

Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me. (Colossians 4:11)

4. Be a _____ in serving Christ.

1) Pray and work _____.

12 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. 13 I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis. (Colossians 4:12,13)

- Pray as if everything depends on God, and work as if everything depends on you.

2) Be a _____ friend.

Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings. (Colossians 4:14)

3) Focus less on what you _____ and more on what you can.

Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. (Colossians 4:15)

5. _____.

1) I won't let the _____ of my faith die out.

Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. (2 Timothy 4:10)

- I won't stop short of the _____.

2) Go ahead and _____.

Tell Archippus: "See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord." (Colossians 4:17)

The end of a matter is better than its beginning. (Ecclesiastes 7:8)

I will be an Honorable Mention Christian and see what God does with my life.