

# Simply Study: Colossians 4

One book at a time.

One day at a time.



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Welcome to Simply Study!

Have you had enough of rushing through your Bible study time, trying to keep up with someone else's daily study schedule?

Have you ever finished a daily devotional and marveled at the fact that you barely read a verse of scripture?

Do you long to spend your quiet time soaking in one book of the Bible?

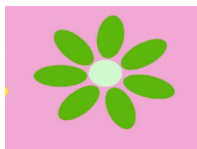
Me too!

Simply Word is a daily Bible study based in one book of the Bible. There's no rush, no scramble. Take as much time as you like to meander with God through one book of the Bible.

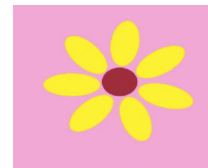
## Simple pieces

- **Simply read** Repeated readings will help you meditate on truths of God's word.
- **Simply mark** Let loose your creative side as you simply mark the daily scripture reading passage.
- **Simply answer** Look back in the scripture to answer questions about the text.
- **Simply reflect** Consider what God is speaking to your heart and record your thoughts.
- **Simply act** Become a doer of the word as you decide how to apply what you have learned.

Let's get started!



Focus deeply.  
One book at a time.  
One day at a time.  
Simply Study.



## Simply Study: Colossians 4 , Session I

### Session 1

Get your Bible Journal or a printed copy of this Bible study, your favorite pens and pencils and get ready to cozy up with God's Word!

### Simply Pray

Before you start your Bible study time, pray and ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Ask God to ready your heart to hear from Him in your study time today.

### Simply Read

Today we are going to read all of chapter 4 of Colossians without stopping.

### Colossians Chapter 4

1 Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;

3 meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains,

4 that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

7 Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me.

8 I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts,

9 with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will make known to you all things which are happening here.

10 Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him),

11 and Jesus who is called Justus. These are my only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision; they have proved to be a comfort to me.

12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

13 For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal for you, and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis.

## Colossians 4, Session I

14 Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you.

15 Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea, and Nymphas and the church that is in his house.

16 Now when this epistle is read among you, see that it is read also in the church of the Laodiceans, and that you likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.

17 And say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it."

18 This salutation by my own hand—Paul. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. Amen.

### Simply Mark

Please go back and read the passage again. Take notes, highlight and underline important words and phrases that capture your attention.

### Simply Reflect

Review your notes and markings for today.

What is God saying to you today through His Word?

What verse/verses spoke to you the most?

### Simply Act

What do you need to do because of what you learned today?



## Colossians 4, Session 2

### Session 2

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### Simply Pray

Before you start your Bible study time, pray and ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Ask God to open the eyes of your heart to hear from Him in your study time today.

### Simply Read

Today we are going to read Colossians 4:1-6. Put a check in the blank when you finished \_\_\_\_.

- 1 Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.
- 2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;
- 3 meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains,
- 4 that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.
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### Simply Mark

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### Simply Answer

1. How should we treat those who are under us in authority or position (vs. 1)?
2. Why should we treat them that way (vs. 1)?
3. What are we commanded to do (vs. 2)?
4. How are we to do this (vs. 2)?
5. What are we to pray for ourselves and other believers (vs. 3)?

## Colossians 4, Session 2

6. How do we make the Gospel manifest (vs. 4)?
7. How are we to walk when witnessing to unbelievers? (vs. 5)?
8. What is the result when we walk in wisdom? (vs. 5)?
9. Name two things our speech should contain (vs. 6).
10. To ensure our speech is seasoned with God's word and grace, what must we do (vs. 6)?
11. What inference can we draw from the second half of verse 6?

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## Colossians 4, Session 3

### Session 2

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### Simply Pray

Before you start your Bible study time, pray and ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Ask God to open the eyes of your heart to hear from Him in your study time today.

### Simply Read

Today we are going to read Colossians 4:1-11 without stopping. Put a check in the blank when you finished \_\_\_\_.

1 Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;

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### Simply Mark

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## Colossians 4, Session 3

### Simply Answer

1. How does Paul describe Tychicus (vs. 7)?
2. With whom do you serve alongside who is faithful and beloved?
3. Why do we need Christian friends (vs. 8)?
4. How does Paul describe Onesimus (vs. 9)?
5. List all other names listed in verses 10 and 11.
6. What them do you notice running through verses 7-11?
7. What do all these friends have in common (vs. 11)?

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## Colossians 4, Session 4

### Session 3

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Before you start your Bible study time, pray and ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Ask God to open your heart to hear from Him in your study time today.

### Simply Read

Today we are going to read Colossians 4:12-18 without stopping. Put a check in the blank when you finished \_\_\_\_.

12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

13 For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal for you, and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis.

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17 And say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it."

18 This salutation by my own hand—Paul. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. Amen.

### Simply Mark

Please go back and read 12-15 again. Take notes, highlight and underline important words and phrases that capture your attention.

### Simply Answer

1. What word is used to describe Epaphras (vs. 12)?
2. Does this word describe your relationship with Christ? Do you want to use this word to describe your relationship with Him (vs. 12)?

## Colossians 4, Session 4

3. What words are used to describe prayer (vs. 12)?
4. What words describe your prayer life?
5. What should we pray for ourselves and others (vs. 12)?
6. How does Epaphras feel about other believers (vs. 13)?
7. Why is it important that we encourage others in their faith?
8. How do Luke and Nymphas use their gifts to serve others (vs. 14-15)?
9. How do you use your gifts to serve others?

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## Colossians 4, Session 5

### Session 4

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### Simply Mark

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### Simply Answer

1. What are we supposed to do with God's word (vs. 16)?

2. How important was the reading of the Word to the early church (vs. 16)?
3. What has every believer received from the Lord (vs.17)?
4. What is your ministry? In other words how are you serving others or using the gifts God has given you to help others and glorify God?
5. If God has given you your ministry, how important is it to His kingdom?
6. Ultimately, what are we to do with our ministry (vs. 17)?
7. How are you fulfilling your ministry?
8. What hardship was God using to transform Paul (vs. 18)?
9. What do we need from God to fulfill our ministries (vs. 18)?

**Simply Reflect**

Review your notes and markings for today.

What is God saying to you today through His Word?

## Colossians 4, Session 5

### Simply Reflect

Reveiw your notes and markings for today.

What is God saying to you today through His Word?

What verse/verses spoke to you the most?

### Simply Act

What do you need to do because of what you learned?