

Tychicus: Trustworthy Transporter

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Have you ever paid close attention to the ends of especially the epistles? There are a variety of otherwise obscure Bible characters who make their cameos as if in passing. Tychicus is one such early Christian. You find him referenced five times in Holy Writ. He is numbered among the missionaries in Asia (Acts 20:4). Whether or not he preached or taught, he was acting on Kingdom business. In Ephesians 6:21, Paul sends him to Ephesus to make Paul's conditions and circumstances known to them. He did the same thing for the Colossians (4:7). Paul tells Timothy, very simply, that he sent Tychicus to Ephesus (2 Tim. 4:7). Paul contemplated sending Tychicus to Titus on Crete (Tit. 3:12). Paul obviously considered Tychicus a reliable resource for help.

Have you considered the fact that all of us are carriers of something? What are you carrying?

- Bitterness and resentment?
- Gossip and talebearing?
- Negativity and pessimism?
- Filthy, foul, and offensive speech?
- Dishonest, deceptive words?
- A different gospel?
- Harsh, railing verbiage?

Or...?

- Gentle, kind words?
- Faithful counsel?
- Positive, joyful speech?
- Encouragement?
- Thoughtful, considerate messages?
- Meek efforts to restore a fallen soul?
- Courageous, lovingly spoken truth?

What would others entrust you with? Would they trust you? That should convict us, shouldn't it? What traits are we developing? Let's be concerned about that, recognizing that God needs trustworthy transporters today!