

Chapter 4

He exhortheth to instance in praier, 5. and to wifedom in behaiour. 7. He fendeth Tychicus. 10. He doeth commendations, 15. and inioyneth to be done.

You Maifters, that which is iuft and equal, doe to your feruants: knowing that you alfo haue a Maifter in heauen. ² Be instant in praier; watching in it in thanks-giuing, ³ praying withal ^afor vs alfo, that God may open vnto vs the doore of fpeach to fpeake the myfterie of Chrift (for the which alfo I am bound) ⁴ that I may manifeft it, fo as I ought to fpeake. ⁵ Walke with wifedom toward them that be without; redeeming the time. ⁶ Your talke alwaies, in grace let it be feafoned with falt: that you may know how you ought to anfwer euery man.

Luc. 18, 1.

Eph. 6, 18.

2. Thef. 18, 2.

Eph. 5, 25.

⁷ The things that are about me, Tychicus, our deareft Brother, and faithful Minifter, & fellow-feruant in our Lord, wil make you vnderftand al, ⁸ whom I haue fent to you for this fame purpofe, that he may know the things that concerne you, and may comfort your harts, ⁹ with Onefimus, the moft deare and faithful Brother who is of you. Al things that are done here, shal they doe you to vnderftand.

Phile. 10.

¹⁰ Ariftarchus my fellow-prifoner faluteth you, & Marke the cofin-german of Barnabas (concerning whom you haue receiued commandements, If he come to you, receiue him) ¹¹ and Iefus that is called Iuftus: who are of the Circumcifion. Thefe only are my coadiutours in the Kingdom of God: which haue been a comfort to me. ¹² Epaphras faluteth you who is of you, the feruant of Chrift IESVS, alwaies careful for you in prayers, that you may ftand perfect and ful in al the wil of God. ¹³ For I

^a S. Paul euer much defireth the praier of the faithful: wherby we learne the great efficacie of them.

giue him teftimonie that he hath much ^a)labour for you,
& for them that be at Laodicia, and that are at Hierapo-
lis. ¹⁴ Luke, the moft deare phyficion, faluteth you; and
2. Tim. 4, 10. 11. Demas. ¹⁵ Salute the Brethren that are at Laodicia; and
Nymphas, and the Church that is in his houfe. ¹⁶ And
when the epiftle fhall be read with you, make that it
be read alfo in the Church of the Laodicians: and that
you read that which is of the Laodicians. ¹⁷ And fay
to Archippus: See the Minifterie which thou haft re-
ceiued of our Lord, that thou fulfil it. ¹⁸ The falutation:
with mine owne hand, Paules. Be mindful of my bands.
Grace be with you. Amen.

^a He did not only pray, but tooke other great paines to procure
God's grace for the Coloffians: perhaps by watching, fafting, &
doing other penance of body; that God would not fuffer them to
fal from their receiued faith to the Sect of Simon Magus or the
Iudaizing Chriftians.