

***Following Jesus in a Confused Culture:  
Means Knowing The Cost of Serving  
Colossians 4:7-18 (page 818)***

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**Following Jesus in a Confused Culture means:**

- I am willing to **serve others** – *Tychicus*  
(4:7-8; Acts 20:4; Eph 6:21; Titus 3:12; 2 Tim 4:12)  
*The cost:* My **self-interest** (Luke 14:27; Phil 2:4)
- I develop a **humble** attitude – *Onesimus* (v 4:9)  
*The cost:* My **pride** (Jas 4:10)
- I am **faithful** no matter the **circumstance** –  
*Aristarchus* (4:10a; Acts 20:4; 19:29; 27:2)  
*The cost:* My personal **comfort** (Phil 2:3; Gal 6:2)
- I am able to **learn** from **failure** – *Mark*  
(4:10b; Acts 12:25; 13:5,13; 15:36-40; 2 Tim 4:11)  
*The cost:* My **fear** of what others **think** of me  
(Heb 12:1-3)
- I am **concerned** for the spiritual **growth** of  
others – *Epaphras* (4:12-13; Col 1:7 Philemon 23)  
*The cost:* My **time** and **energy**  
(1 Thess 2:7-9; Eph 6:18)
- I am **content** to serve without the **accolades**  
of others – *Justus and Luke* (4:11, 14a)  
*The cost:* My desire to be **recognized**  
(Matt 23:5,11-12; Mk 10:42-45)
- Staying **committed** even when others **abandon**  
the faith – *Demas* (4:14b; 2 Tim 4:10)  
*The cost:* My **focus** (Phil 3:7-11)

**To consider....**

With which of these individuals do you identify with most? Why?

Understanding that there is a cost to serve, in what way can you follow Jesus and serve this week? How can you start?