

QUALITIES FOR A DIFFICULT JOB

Colossians 4:7-9

⁷Tychicus will give you a full report about how I am getting along. He is a beloved brother and faithful helper who serves with me in the Lord's work. ⁸I have sent him to you for this very purpose—to let you know how we are doing and to encourage you.

⁹I am also sending Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, one of your own people. He and Tychicus will tell you everything that's happening here.

What can you learn about Tychicus from these passages?

Acts 20:1-6 (with 2 Corinthians 9:1-2)

Ephesians 6:21-22 (with Colossians 4:7-8)

2 Timothy 4:10-12

Titus 3:12

What was the difficult job that he was sent to do (4:7-9; Philemon)?

What in the description of Tychicus' character make him the man for the job (4:7)?

What does Paul's description of Onesimus convey to the Colossian church (4:9)?

If you were assigned a difficult task of reconciling two people and explaining the circumstances to their church, how would you go about it?

What problems do you think you would encounter and how might you handle those?