

Keeping First Things First

Week Five: Pleasing God

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Series Verse

"See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ."

Colossians 2:8 (NIV)

"And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

Colossians 1:10-14 (NIV)

1. _____ of Worth.

A. Bearing Fruit.

"The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"

Matthew 13:23 (NLT)

* _____ of Fruit: _____.

* _____ of Fruit.

➤ **N** _____.

➤ **D** _____.

➤ **R** _____.

* _____ for Fruit.

"Whatever you do." 3:17, 23.

B. Relational _____ of God.

Continue 1:23, 2:6; Set your hearts 3:1; Set your minds 3:2; Put to death 3:5; Rid yourselves 3:8; Clothe yourselves 3:12.

C. _____ Power.

* _____ of Endurance.

* _____ of Patience.

D. G _____.

2. The _____ of Fruit.

"I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power ²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms."

Ephesians 1:19-20 (NLT)

3. E _____ Reminder.

"In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope."

Ephesians 2:12 (NLT)

A. _____ From.

B. _____ To.