



Colossians 1:9-12 NIV

9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and 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, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.



2 Corinthians 5:9 NIV

So we make it our goal to please him,
whether we are at home in the body or away
from it.



Galatians 1:9-10 NIV

9 As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!

10 Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Previous Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:9;

Colossians 1:9-12



1 Thessalonians 2:3-4 NIV

3 For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. 4 On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts.



Ephesians 4:1 NIV

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

Previous Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2:3-4;

Galatians 1:9-10; 2 Corinthians 5:9



I. A Life That Pleases God Bears Fruit



Colossians 1:10a NIV

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Matthew 7:15-20 NIV

15 “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

Previous Scripture: Colossians 1:10a;

Ephesians 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 2:3-4



I. A Life That Pleases God Bears Fruit



John 15:4 NIV

Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

Previous Scripture: Matthew 7:15-20;
Colossians 1:10a; Ephesians 4:1



I. A Life That Pleases God Bears Fruit



Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.



II. A Life That Pleases God Grows in Knowledge Colossians 1:10b NIV



growing in the knowledge of God

**Previous Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23;
John 15:4; Matthew 7:15-20**



II. A Life That Pleases God Grows in Knowledge Luke 24:32 NIV



They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”



II. A Life That Pleases God Grows in Knowledge Romans 12:2 NIV



Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.



III. A Life That Pleases God is Strengthened with Power Colossians 1:11 NIV



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Romans 5:3-4 NIV

3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Previous Scripture: Colossians 1:11;

Romans 12:2; Luke 24:32



III. A Life That Pleases God is Strengthened with Power



James 1:17 NIV

Every good and perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father of the
heavenly lights, who does not change like
shifting shadows.

Previous Scripture: Romans 5:3-4;

Colossians 1:11; Romans 12:2



IV. A Life That Pleases God Gives Thanks



Colossians 1:12 NIV

and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

Previous Scripture: James 1:17;

Romans 5:3-4; Colossians 1:11



IV. A Life That Pleases God Gives Thanks



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually,
18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this
is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.



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Philippians 4:4-7 NIV

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Previous Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18;

Colossians 1:12; James 1:17



IV. A Life That Pleases God Gives Thanks



Colossians 3:15-17 NIV

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Previous Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7;
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Colossians 1:12**