

COLOSSIANS

TALKING POINTS

Marks of Maturity

"The meat of the Word isn't knowledge. It isn't information. It's application. I would rather know 4 or 5 basic Truths of the Bible and really live those out than to know 1000s of things and apply nothing." -Pastor Dan

Leaning In and Living It Out

Read Colossians 1:9-14, Ephesians 4:1-2

Paul prays for the church at Colossae to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord.
What does it mean to walk "worthy in the Lord"?

There's a difference between Knowing God and knowing about God.
What is that difference and why is it important?

As you grow in Jesus, you will have a hunger to know and do God's will.
Where is this found in the text? How do you grow in this hunger?

You will also have a desire to grow in your knowledge of God.
Where is this found in the text? Do you have that desire? How do you increase it?

You'll also experience God's power through patience and endurance.
What does the text say about this? How are patience and endurance different?

And finally, you'll discover a joy and gratitude which extends beyond your circumstances.
What does the text say about this? How can you experience this kind of joy?

Dig Deeper (Optional)

The greek word for knowledge in Colossians is epignosis - what does it mean exactly, and why is it more significant than other forms of knowledge referred to in scripture?

Knowledge, wisdom and understanding are all referred to in Paul's prayer to the Colossians. How does scripture differentiate these three concepts from each other? How do they relate to each other?