

A SOLID GROUP COLOSSIANS 2:4-7

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: In Colossians individual believers are taught how to stand alone in order to have a strong church or group.

HAS DISCERNING FAITH. A noble metal, for example, gold, is one is one that is highly valued. It is only through a searching, growing knowledge of Christ that one may obtain understanding of God's Word. This practice is so highly valued by God that He considers the minds of those who pursue Him in this way noble. Because of noble minds they have discernment. (Colossians 2:4, fn 2:4ff, II Peter 1:2, 3, fn 1:2, Romans 16:17-18, fn 16:17-20, Acts 17:10, 11, fn 17:11) *Why is it important to God for you to have a noble mind?*

HAS ORDERLY FAITH. A pastorless church or group is not necessarily a leaderless church or group. In TD groups, quarterbacks or leaders provide timely reminders of meetings and appoint other reliable men in the group to lead in order to give it organizational stability. This helps to keep those in the group firm in faith. (Colossians 2:5, I Corinthians 14:33, 40, Romans 12:4-8) *How does your group's regular meeting encourage you to remain strong in faith?*

HAS GROWING FAITH. By faith you received Christ and by faith you grow in Christ. By faith you live and learn in Christ, and by faith you please God, being fully persuaded that God has the power to do what He has promised. By faith you have access to the grace in which you now stand. "...apart from faith there is no Christians experience." R. Kent Hughes, *Colossians and Philemon: The Supremacy of Christ*, p. 17. Your faith grows as you participate in TD groups by the application of God's Word. (Colossians 2:6, 7, fn 2:6, 7, fn 2:7, John 1:12, 13, fn 1:12, 13, Romans 10:17, I Thessalonians 1:3, fn 1:3, Hebrews 11:6, Romans 4:20, Romans 5:1, 2) *How does your family benefit by your growing in faith?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.