

AND WE PRAY COLOSSIANS 1:10b

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

BACKGROUND: The tendency of knowledgeable people not to be activists, and the opposite tendency of activists to neglect pursuing knowledge leads to unbalanced extremes. R. Kent Hughes, Colossians and Philemon: The Supremacy of Christ, p.24.

THAT YOU PLEASE GOD in every way. The Christian faith, is unique in that the way to please God is to believe Him and trust Him. Therefore, our desire should be to depend on Him in everything. (Colossians 1:10b, Hebrews 11:6, fn 11:6[1st], I John 3:23, fn 3:23, John 6:28, 29, fn 6:28, 29) *How can you know that you are pleasing God?*

THAT YOU BEAR FRUIT in every good work. Work is something that must be done. The unfortunate have needs that should be met through the fortunate. When this work is done by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, it is a good work. Because it is from God, through you, it results in praise or fruit for God who provides. (Colossians 1:10b, Romans 2:7, fn 2:7, II Timothy 3:16, 17, fn 3:17, Ephesians 2:8-10, fn 2:8-10, Acts 10:38) *How do you know when you are to do a good work?*

THAT YOU GROW BY MEANS OF KNOWLEDGE. Knowledge is God's way of enabling you to know Him and to be conformed more and more into the image of Jesus Christ. (Colossians 1:10b, Hosea 4:6, fn 4:6-9, Philippians 3:10, fn 3:9, 10, Romans 10:1, 2, 17, II Timothy 2:15, fn 2:15, John 17:3, Acts 17:11) *How has the knowledge that you have learned in your group helped you grow in your relationship with Jesus?*

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