

DISCOVERING YOUR PURPOSE

Colossians 1:24 – 2:5

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Six strategies that will help us discover our purpose . . .

I. _____ joyfully for the Gospel.

Colossians 1:24 — “Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of His body, which is the church.”

- A. Paul definitely _____!
- B. There was _____ in Paul’s suffering.
- C. We will all face suffering — let’s face it _____!

II. _____ others by sharing the Gospel.

Colossians 1:25-27 — “I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the Word of God in its fullness — the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

- A. Paul sees himself as a _____ of the church.
- B. The ‘_____’ is unveiled: the Gospel is for all!

III. Move people to _____ by proclaiming Christ.

Colossians 1:28 “We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.”

- A. Two ingredients for Christian _____.
- B. The _____ of proclaiming Christ: maturity.

IV. _____ wholeheartedly with God’s energy.

Colossians 1:29-2:1 — “To this end I labor, struggling with all His energy, which so powerfully works in me. I want you to know how much I am struggling for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally.”

- A. The key: Tapping into God’s _____.
- B. Paul’s work: _____ for those he’d never met.

V. _____ others to know Jesus.

Colossians 2:2-3 — “My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

- A. The best gift you can give: _____!

VI. Protect yourself through God-pleasing _____.

Colossians 2:4-5 — “I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.”

- A. The best defense is a strong offense: _____.