

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Read Colossians 1:1-14, focusing on verses 9-14. The goal here is to live a Christ-worthy and Christ-pleasing life. What does this mean? How does this goal affect how you should view and live today in practical terms?

Tuesday. In verses 10-12 Paul gives the measurements of achieving the goal of living a Christ-worthy and Christ-pleasing life. The first two, found in verse 10, are faithful, fruitful service and a growing knowledge of God. Are you growing (now) in the knowledge of God? How faithful has your service for Him been in the last few weeks? What fruit do you see from your service (none of us see it all; all of us should see some)?

Wednesday. The second two measurements of achieving our goal are steadfast character and joyful thankfulness (verses 11-12). It's been said the test of a person's character is what he does in the dark, or when alone. How do your *private* and *public* actions correspond? What was the reason Paul gave for joyful thankfulness? Focus on living out the truth you know in every moment and situation today, joyfully thanking God for what you have in Christ.

Thursday. Achieving the goal of a Christ-worthy and Christ-pleasing life can seem daunting. Remember, God provides all you need to please Him. God will give you the spiritual insight (verse 9) and strength (verses 11) you need as you keep your sight set on His grace in Christ (verses 12-14). This is God's promise to you. Stand on it today, and each day.

Friday – Saturday. Sunday is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Focus on God's gift of life and its value as you prepare for our time together.

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Theme: **God Provides All You Need To Please Him.**

The Goal.

1. A Christ-worthy life. (10)
2. A Christ-pleasing life. (10)

The Measurements Of Achieving The Goal.

1. Faithful, fruitful service. (10)
2. Growing knowledge of God. (10)

3. Steadfast character. (11)

4. Joyful thankfulness. (11-12)

The Means To Achieving The Goal.

1. Spiritual insight. (9)
2. Strength from God. (11)
3. Sight set on God's grace in Christ. (12-14)

(Turn over for "In My Life This Week")