A Life That Matters

Colossians 1:28 – 2:7
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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. 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. So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” (Colossians 1:28-2:7)

Spiritual Heart Check Up:

1. What kind of __________ do I have for the people of this world?

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

There were three gifts that Paul wanted to share - proclaiming, admonishing and teaching.

1. To proclaim means to tell __________. Let everyone know and make it clear (with boldness).

2. To admonish means to __________. Do it lovingly, but it is still a warning.

3. To teach, which is how we __________ with clarity how to grow the believers into true followers of Jesus (devoted Disciples).

2. Where is my source of __________ to carry on my vision?

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“‘To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.’” (Colossians 1:29)

“My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you,” (Galatians 4:19)
Here is the key to vision and energy – It’s not what _____ want to do, but what does our Lord want us to do.

3. How clear is my purpose for other _____________?

"One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (Matthew 22:35-40)

Paul is Praying:

A. So that these people would be ______________ in heart and united in love.

B. So that they may have full riches of complete _________________.

"Christ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (Colossians 2:3)

- When we are in Christ, we have the ______________ of wisdom and knowledge.
- Another purpose of Paul is that he wanted these people to reject the deception of the day and ______________ teachings.

"I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments." (Colossians 2:4) "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." (Colossians 2:6-7)

- What has been my attitude toward the suffering that I may encounter?
- What is my _____________ for serving our Lord?
- Do I have ____________ for the kingdom of God?
- What is my source of strength as I live ______________ for the Lord?

Paul had a love for people that resulted in a great ____________ for people to live for God’s will and plans.

"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." (Colossians 2:1)

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