

Colossians 1:28-29

A Servant's Role in the Church (part 2)

A Servant's Subject in Ministry (v. 28a)

A Servant's Style in Ministry (v. 28b)

A Servant's Success in Ministry (v. 28c)

A Servant's Strain in Ministry (v. 29a)

A Servant's Strength in Ministry (v. 29b)

Application of Colossians 1:28-29

1. Why is it important believers hear the Gospel regularly? In other words, in what ways does "Christ" (the Gospel) being preached benefit believers?
2. Review the preaching ministry of the early church (e.g. read the book of Acts) as a way to emphasize the absolute priority of Christ and the absolute deficiency (e.g. Gal 1:6-10; Col 2:8, 16-23) in any teaching that is not centred on Christ.
3. How gentle are you in giving admonition (warning, correcting) and how receptive are you to admonition from others? Reflect upon other verses (e.g. Acts 20:31; 1 Cor 4:14; Col 3:16; 1 Thess 5:14; 2 Thess 3:14-15) that discuss the Christian's role to admonish and how to do it biblically.
4. What opportunities exist for you to teach others (informally and formally, through actions and words)? Be intentional this week to teach biblical truth to others.
5. As you have opportunities to admonish or teach, remember to seek Christ for wisdom and to share biblical truth. It's only in Christ we have wisdom, because moral standards, psychological advice, or other substitutes fail to provide true and effective change to become mature in Christ
6. How does Paul define success or the purpose of ministry in v. 28? Is this the way you define success in the church or your role of serving?
7. Consider your commitment to serve in the role(s) the Lord has placed you, as you reflect upon Paul's example of "toil" and "struggle," which describes his ministry as one of hard work to the point of exhaustion.
8. Are you trying to serve Christ and the church in your own strength or with the strength and grace of God? If need be, confess and repent.

Reading this week: Read through Col 1:24-2:5 this week

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
	A _____ role in the _____ (part 2)	_____
<u>Chapter</u>	A Servant's _____ in Ministry (v. _____ a)	_____
	A _____ Style in Ministry (v. _____ b)	_____
	A _____ Success in _____ (v. 28c)	_____
<u>Verses</u>	A Servant's _____ in _____ (v. 29a)	_____
	A _____ _____ in Ministry (v. 29_)	_____

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Church	Ministry	Paul	Serve/Servant

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: