

# GROWING STRONG IN CHRIST

A STUDY OF COLOSSIANS

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CALLED TO MINISTER

Colossians 1:23-25

Introduction: One layman described his pastor by saying, “He’s a lot like God, we only see him once a week and we can’t understand what he says!” Ministers are a peculiar group. But before you agree too quickly, consider Paul’s words in today’s passage. You are also called to be a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I. The Source Of Our Ministry (Colossians 1:23, 25)

II. The Stewardship Of Our Ministry (Colossians 1:25)

A. Definition of Stewardship

B. Components of Stewardship

1. A present \_\_\_\_\_

2. A future \_\_\_\_\_

(over)

III. The Attitude Of Our Ministry (Colossians 1:24)

How to Keep the Joy in Your Present Circumstances

- A. Remember God's Past \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Focus on God's Future \_\_\_\_\_

IV. The Cost Of Our Ministry (Colossians 1:24)

Three Reasons to Rejoice in Suffering

- A. Suffering Allows Us to Experience the \_\_\_\_\_ of God  
(2 Corinthians 12:9)
- B. Suffering Makes Us More Like \_\_\_\_\_  
(Philippians 3:10)
- C. Suffering is Evidence that We \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ  
(Colossians 1:24)

Conclusion