

PREPARE
LESSON 2
Growing in Christ

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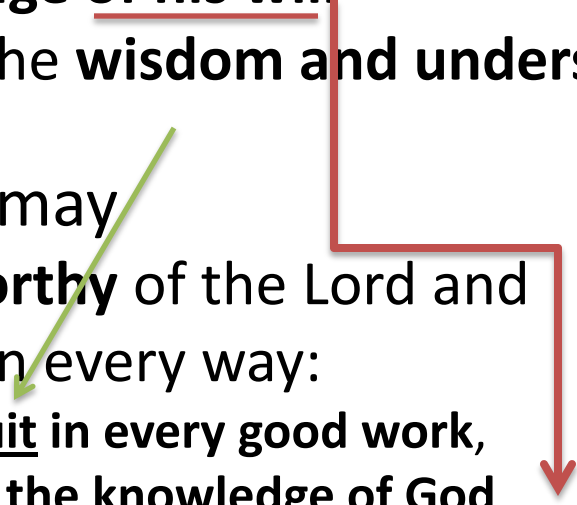
HYPOTHETICAL EXERCISE 1

- Your cousin Vinny, after a close encounter with Southern justice, concludes his life is in a shambles. In a surprising coincidence, on the plane back to New Jersey he is witnessed to by the person setting next to him and he is saved. Upon his return, he asked you for advice as to what he should do to make sure his new relationship with Jesus grows. What do you advise him?

HYPOTHETICAL EXERCISE 2

- Your cousin Leroy, from Little Rock, has been a born again believer since he accepted Jesus into his heart at the age of 7 while at Vacation Bible School. Leroy has never strayed far from the Lord and has consistently attended church for three decades since his childhood conversion. Yet when you talk to him, he seems bored by Christian things and not very interested in worship, fellowship, witnessing etc. In response to your question, he admits that he doesn't have much joy in the Lord and hasn't really felt "spiritual" in many years. He feels he attends church more out of habit than desire. What can you tell him that will restore him to the joy of his salvation and reinvigorate his walk with Christ?

COLOSSIANS 1:9-11

- ⁹ We continually ask God
 - **to fill you with**
 - the **knowledge of his will**
 - through all the **wisdom and understanding** that the Spirit gives,
 - ¹⁰ **so that** you may
 - **live a life worthy** of the Lord and
 - **please him** in every way:
 - **bearing fruit** in every good work,
 - **growing in the knowledge of God,**
 - ¹¹ **being strengthened** with all power according to his glorious might
 - **so that** you may
 - have great endurance and patience,
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The Importance of Prayer

- ⁹ **We continually ask God**

The Importance of Scripture

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- to fill you with
–the **knowledge of his will**

The Importance of the Spirit's Guidance

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**—through all the wisdom and
understanding that the Spirit
gives,**

The Importance of Fighting Sin in Our Lives

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The Importance of Bearing Fruit

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The Importance of Knowing God

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The Importance of Persevering

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