

How Does the Bible Change the Christian's Life?

Colossians 1:9-14

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First: The Bible Shows Us How to Live the Life That's Driven by Delight in God

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**This is our part:
3 things we must be doing in
the power of the Spirit...**

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We must...

1. Drink Deeply From This Spring 9a
filled with the knowledge of His will
2. See the Real Life Implications of
Who we discover God to be 9b
in all spiritual wisdom & understanding
3. Respond in Awe & Obedience 10a
*so that you may walk in a manner worthy of
the Lord to please Him in all respects*

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“Worthy of the Lord”?



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Two Dangers (John Piper):

Intellectualism: *“stresses the use of the intellect and its discoveries without the corresponding awakening of all the emotions that those discoveries are meant to kindle.”*

Emotionalism *“stresses the energetic stirring of the emotions that are untethered to truth as their warrant and guide.”*

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Second: He Shows Us How We Can Know We're Experiencing This Life of Worship 10b-14

**This is God's part:
4 things God produces...**

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Our life will be characterized by:

- 1. Fruitfulness** 10b *bearing fruit in every good work*
- 2. Growing intimacy** with the Father 10c *increasing in the knowledge of God*
- 3. Power** to meet everyday situations 11a *strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience*
- 4. Joyous gratitude** to the Father 12-14 *joyously giving thanks...*

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Giving Thanks For 4 Things

- 1. The Inheritance for which the Father qualified us** 12
- 2. The Deliverance from the Satanic Realm** 13a
- 3. The Transference to the Kingdom of God's Dear Son.** 13b
- 4. The Redemption we have in Christ, which resulted in the forgiveness of our sins** 14

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The Bottom Line...

Deepening your intimacy with God through the Word leads to a joyful relationship with the Father that will last for all eternity and change you from the Inside Out.

Start Today