

Ready, Set, Grow!

Colossians 1:1-14

I. God wants us to grow wider by inviting others to Jesus.

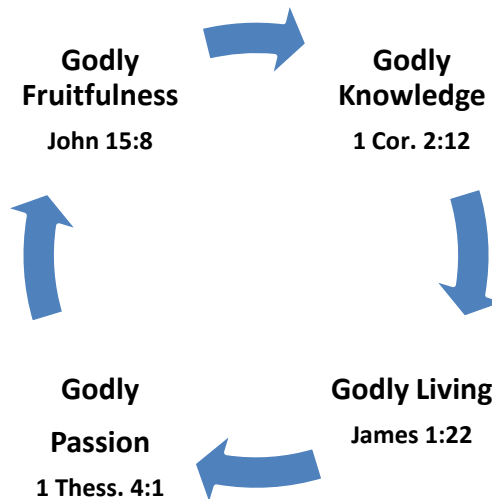
This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:3-4

II. God wants us to grow deeper by loving one another in Jesus.

³*We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. 2 Thessalonians 1:3 (ESV)*

III. God wants us to grow higher by reaching up to be like Jesus.

¹⁴*I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:14*



IV. God wants us to grow stronger as we live this life for Jesus.

- Paul also prays for strength to live this life with endurance, patience, joy, and thanksgiving.
- We can have that strength because of what Jesus has done for us.
 - Qualified us for an inheritance we were not previously worthy of
 - Delivered (rescued) us from Satan's lair.
 - Transferred us into His Son's kingdom.
- We need God's strength. He offers it. Are you depending on God's strength or yours?

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Ephesians 6:10 (ESV)

