

A Life Worth Living
Part Two: Knowing God's Will
Colossians 1:1-14
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- 1. These believers excelled in faith and love – 1: 3-4**
 - Faith in Christ Jesus – because we know who He is, we entrust our lives to Him.
 - Love for all the saints – recognizing our unique connection as believers, we look out for their best interests.

- 2. These qualities flowed from their future hope and knowledge of the truth – 1:5-8**
 - Without hope of future reward, we'll feel like it's not worth obeying God.
 - Without a working knowledge of the truth, we will misunderstand God's grace.

- 3. To live worthy of the Lord, we need to understand His will for us – 1:9-10a**
 - God's *will* is what He wants for every believer.
 - Knowing His will does not come naturally.

- 4. When we understand God's will for us, it will show up in the way we live – 1:10b-14**
 - We will want to live worthy lives that please God
 - We will bear fruit
 - Growth in the knowledge of God.
 - Greater strength to patiently endure.
 - Joyfully thanking God for what He's done for us.