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Guidance:

On the first day, begin with a few minutes where you read the Construct. Continue on to the first question in the lab, and write your thoughts in a notebook or journal. Address the additional questions in the lab at a pace that works for you. Reflect on any insight gained or growth in progress as you close out the Construct.

God's Expectations II

Colossians 1:9-12 states “We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects: bearing fruit in every good work, increasing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father... .”

As you grow in Christ, you may experience moments of revelation that confirms specific expectations that God has of you. This could be the next steps that He wants you to take, to the fruits of the Spirit that He wants you to produce.

When you receive a word from the Lord on your next steps, regardless of your stage in life, know that He holds you accountable to walk out those steps. He knows His grace is sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9) and He only expects you to deliver on what He has made provision for in your life.

This is when your faith goes to work. Obedience is pivotal when God gives you instructions. This is how you propel into what He has in store for you. Let this settle into your heart.

Oftentimes, the Holy Spirit may lead you to do something that is not tangible; He may tell you to stand still, or forgive an offense. The Lord generally develops the fruits of the Spirit in you so that you can possess, and bear them. These fruits allow you to live in the freedom that Christ died for you to have.

Have faith in God, and go in the direction that He leads you.

Prayer

Dear Father, You are a good God. You watch over Your children and lead us in the way we are to go. Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path (Psalms 119:105). May my heart be open to You Holy Spirit so that I may discern the things of God. I pray to be obedient and walk boldly in the way I am to go. In Jesus Name I pray. Amen.

Practical Application / Lab

Colossians 1:10 tells us four things related to walking in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects.

Bearing fruit in every good work.

Increasing in the knowledge of God.

Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience.

Giving joyful thanks to the Father.

However, this is preceded by a foundation that ushers you to start your walk with God. Specifically, that *we be filled with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives.*

Choose two things that you can do over the next several weeks to allow the Holy Spirit to fill you with knowledge, and commit to do it:

Praying in alignment with God's word.

Reading a study bible to gain more insight.

Listening to sermons.

Applying biblical principles to your thought life and actions.