



love God

build the Church

reach the World

Colossians 1:24-29



Build the Church

- By **making**...disciples of Christ
- By...**maturing** disciples of Christ
- As with all our core values, we want them to be grounded in the Word of God and the patterns of Apostolic ministry
- Colossians 1:28-29



The Essence of Paul's Ministry

- Him we proclaim* (show, declare, teach, speak of)
- Who He is
 - What He has done
 - What we are in Him
- Application



The Application of Paul's Ministry

- *warning* (admonish, exhort, put in mind, caution, gently reprove)
- *and teaching* (instruct, explain, expound, discourse)
- *everyone* (3x)
 - *with all wisdom*
- Application

The Goal of Paul's Ministry

- *that we may present* (stand beside, exhibit, assist, bring before, commend)
- *everyone mature* (complete, of full age, adult) *in Christ*
- Application

The Earnestness of Paul's Ministry

- *For this I toil* (labor to the point of fatigue, work hard)
- *struggling* (content in the gymnastic games, fight with adversaries, struggle with difficulties and dangers, endeavor with strenuous zeal)
- Application

The Power of Paul's Ministry

- *with all His energy* (effective working, operation)
- *that He powerfully* (strength, supernatural power, resourced power) *works in me*
- Application

Application

- This text helpfully summarizes this core value of our church
- Next week to consider some specific ways to pursue this intentionally and measurably
- Are you in?
 - Personally, by pursuing maturity
 - In Gospel work, by seeking influence to help mature others



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