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STUDENT MANUAL

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HOW TO USE THIS JOURNAL

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TEXT

Use this space each week to write out word for word the five verses you have chosen to study for the week.

O

OBSERVE

What do you actually observe in the text? Answer the questions: Who, What, When, Where, How

I

INTERPRET

What do your observations MEAN? Record the definitions for 2 to 3 keywords per verse or other important phrases. Research using books, or software like Blue Letter Bible to help you.

A

APPLY

Use these pages to make specific applications to your life. Does the text contain Sins to avoid, Promises to claim, Attitudes / Actions to adopt, Commands to obey, Examples to follow, or Truths to obey?

R

REFLECT

These pages are designed to help you think about what you've studied. Don't be afraid to stop and listen to the Holy Spirit. What did you learn about God, about yourself, and about your walk?

P

PRAY

Begin and end your study with prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to lead you into all truth. (John 16:13)



OBSERVE

Record what you actually observe in the text. Be sure to see all that is there, but be careful to avoid seeing things that aren't.

Who?

God, Jesus, Paul (writer), Colossians (hearers), Epaphras

What?

Paul is thanking God for them. He is praying for them. They are bearing fruit all over the world. They are taught by Epiphias.

When?

Unknown from th text. Research = Paul's first imprisonment in Rome.

Where?

Colossae, Rome (Paul is writing from there) -- Look this up in a Bible Atlas or maps (Google, Blue Letter Bible, or Bible Hub)

Why?

You will not always have an answer for every item!

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V. 3 - **Pray** - *Strong's*: *proseúchomai, pros-yoo'-kham-ahee; to pray to God, i.e. supplicate, worship*

Vine's: "to pray," is always used of "prayer" to God, and is the most frequent word in this respect,

V. 4 - **Saints** - *Vine's*: fundamentally, signifies "separated" (among the Greeks, dedicated to the gods), and hence, in Scripture in its moral and spiritual significance, separated from sin and therefore consecrated to God, sacred.

V. 5 - **Hope** - *Strong's*: to anticipate, usually with pleasure); expectation (abstractly, or concretely,) or confidence: -faith, hope
Gospel - *euangélion, yoo-ang-ghel'-ee-on; a good message, i.e. the gospel: Good news or good tidings.*

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APPLY

Scripture is meant to bring change in our lives, to make us more like Jesus. Use these pages to make specific application to your life.

S - Sins to Avoid

Not in this text

P - Promises to Claim

Not in this text

A - Actions / Attitudes to Pursue

Thankfulness for other saints, consistent prayer, Hopefulness, faithfulness

C - Commands to Obey

*Not really in this text, though one could extract a command to pray, be thankful, and bear fruit - **but that wasn't explicitly commanded in the text.***

E - Examples to Follow

Paul: praying and thankfulness. The Colossians: Faithfulness, fruit-bearing. Epaphras: faithfulness and concern for others

T - Truths to Accept

God is the Father of Christ. Epaphras was dearly loved and faithful.

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What did these passages reveal about ...

... God?

Though God wasn't directly addressed or spoken of, other than to be declared as the Father of Jesus Christ, we understand from this text that He apparently is ready to listen to the thankful prayers of the saints on behalf of others.

... you?

I realized while reading that my prayer life tends to be focused on ME, on my needs or things I am asking for. I need to spend more time being Thankful to God for those both in my life and those I have heard about that are faithful, like Paul did with the Colossians.

... your walk with Christ?

Again, not just in prayer, but in action, my "walk" tends to be very ME focused. Both Paul and Epaphras seemed to have more concern for others, namely the Colossians, than they did for themselves. That is convicting to me and a point of attention.





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PRAY

As in the beginning, we should always close in prayer thanking God for the gift of understanding and our time alone with Him. Prayer doesn't have to be perfect. Just talk to God like you would a friend!

Father,

Thank you for loving me and leaving your Word with me to study. Thank you for teaching me all your ways and giving me the strength to follow them.

Now, use the space below to write out a prayer of your own!

Father, thank you once again for meeting me and teaching me. Thank you for the example Paul and Epaphras are in this short text regarding the faithfulness of the saints and praying with a thankful heart.

Thank you for the saints and people whom you've put in my path, like you did Epaphras for Colossae. Thank you for my parents, my wife, and my pastor. They are all such faithful warriors for the Kingdom. Help me today to spend less time looking for how I can do better, and help me to simply be thankful for the people and things you have already brought into my life to draw me closer to you.

Thank you for Jesus, thank you for Salvation.

In Jesus Name, Amen.



