

# OUR SINGULAR FOCUS IN MINISTRY

*Colossians 1:28-29*  
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1. We preach one \_\_\_\_\_ v28a

**1 Corinthians 1:23** but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

**2 Corinthians 4:5** For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. **Ephesians 3:8** To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ. **Philippians 1:18** What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice.

2. We use one \_\_\_\_\_ v28b

To provide \_\_\_\_\_ (admonishing)

To provide \_\_\_\_\_ (teaching)

**Matthew 28:20** teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

**1 Corinthians 2:6-9** Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; <sup>7</sup> but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God predestined before the ages to our glory; <sup>8</sup> *the wisdom* which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; <sup>9</sup> but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And *which* have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him."

### 3. We pursue one \_\_\_\_\_ v28c

**Matthew 5:48** Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**Ephesians 4:12-13** for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

**Philippians 3:12** Not that I have already obtained *it* or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

**1 Corinthians 14:20** Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking **be mature**.

**1 John 4:18** There is no fear in love; but **perfect** love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

**1 Peter 1:13** Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope **completely** on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**James 2:22** You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was **perfected**.

**Hebrews 6:1** Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to **maturity**, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God.

### 4. We employ one \_\_\_\_\_ v29

- It is \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Timothy 4:10** For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers.

**1 Corinthians 15:10** But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

**1 Thessalonians 2:8-9** Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us. <sup>9</sup> For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, *how* working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

**2 Corinthians 12:15** I will most gladly spend and be expended for your souls.

**2 Timothy 2:10** For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus *and with it* eternal glory.

**2 Timothy 4:7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith.

- It is \_\_\_\_\_

**Philippians 2:13** for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

**Philippians 4:13** I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

**Ephesians 3:20** Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10** And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.