



# Sermon Discussion Guide

A MANNER WORTHY OF THE LORD

Colossians 1:9-14

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*Big Idea:* Paul's prayer for God's people is to walk in a manner worthy of Christ.

## Outline

- Paul's Prayer
- Paul's Purpose
- Paul's Petitions

1. Have you ever been in the presence of royalty or someone in a high office? How did you “walk in a manner worthy” of them?
2. **Time:** Pastor Tom said that one way to assess your values is by looking at how you spend your time. If someone were to do an inventory of your “time spent”, what would they discover about you?
3. **Secret & Revealed Will:** “You don't have to look for some secret knowledge. Go to the Word. The Bible is enough.” Do you think we focus too much on the secret will of God rather than his revealed will? If so, what practical application does that have for how we live our lives?
4. **Obedience:** Knowing God's Word is not just about retaining information, but obedience. What do you think is wrong with a church that is growing in “knowledge” but not obedience?
5. **Holiness:** Pastor Tom said, “Often, we don't like to talk about holiness. It seems to be a killjoy.” How is this a misunderstanding of holiness?<sup>1</sup>
6. **Fruit:** Following one homeless man's advice, we should “be so loaded with the fruit that we can barely walk.” Read Gal 5:22-23. How have you seen fruit in another Christian recently?

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<sup>1</sup> Many good answers, but here is one misunderstanding: “Pursuing holiness is legalistic.” It fails to see holiness founded in Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Walking in holiness is walking by faith in obedience to our Savior and Redeemer.