

For all of us it should be unthinkable to keep to ourselves the knowledge that God's ultimate delight is to do the greatest good for others by letting them share in the supreme joy He has in Himself. How could any of us enjoy heaven unless we mobilized our time, talents and treasure to do our utmost to get the good news to the rest of the world? Sadly, many professing Christians do not feel this imperative demand because they, through unbelief, are themselves not experiencing God's great joy and peace.

Daniel Fuller

Joy is the winsome magnet that draws people in because it is the one thing they do not have.

Author Unknown

A Christian is one who recognizes Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God, as God manifested in the flesh, loving us and dying for our redemption; and who is so affected by a sense of the love of this incarnate God as to be constrained to make the will of Christ the rule of his obedience, and the glory of Christ the great end for which He lives.

Charles Hodge

Only those who have learned well to be earnestly dissatisfied with themselves, and to be confounded with shame at their wretchedness truly understand the Christian gospel.

John Calvin

Any fool can write learned language. The vernacular is the real test. If you can't turn your faith into it, then you either don't understand it or you don't believe it. (Note: *vernacular* = *plain language of the people*)

C.S. Lewis

The Gospel is a fact, therefore tell it simply; it is a joyful fact, therefore tell it cheerfully; it is an entrusted fact, therefore tell it faithfully; it is a fact of infinite moment, therefore tell it earnestly; it is a fact about a Person, therefore preach Christ.

Archibald G. Brown

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*Stewards of the Story in our Souls*  
Colossians 1:9-14

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A whole new DNA

***What am I able to do with my life as a result?***

1:9,10,11b

The real "circle of life"  
Older should mean better

***How am I supposed to live up to the privilege?***

1:11,12

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My Responsibility: *maintaining a joyful, thankful outlook on life*

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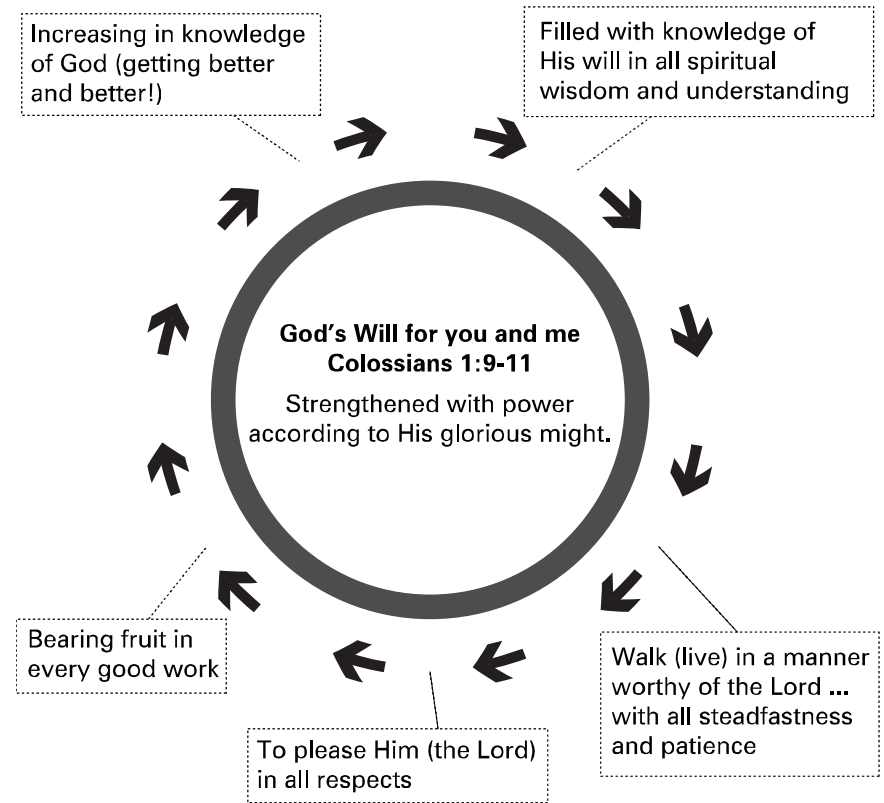
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# Kids Notes

Stewards of the Story in our Souls

## The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

1. *When Christ saves us, He makes able to:*

- A. live a life that is worthy of Him.
- B. please Him in our lives.
- C. display Him in our good works.
- D. all of the above.

2. *To live a life worthy of Christ we:*

- A. need the power and strength God alone supplies.
- B. must maintain a joyful, thankful outlook on life.
- C. must love the Gospel every day.
- D. all of the above.

3. *The Gospel is like a multi-vitamin that:*

- A. I need to "take" everyday to remember God's grace.
- B. I really don't need to take everyday.
- C. isn't worth thinking about much.
- D. none of the above.

**For Family Discussion:** How does remembering, and being thankful for what God has done for us through Jesus fit us for the daily challenges of living worthy lives?

Space to Doodle

## Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

<b>STEWARDS</b> _____	<b>TOTAL:</b> _____
<b>GOSPEL</b> _____	_____
<b>THANKFUL</b> _____	_____
<b>RESCUE</b> _____	_____
<b>PRIVILEGE</b> _____	_____
<b>SIN</b> _____	_____

## Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

THANKFUL STEWARDS GOSPEL RESCUE PRIVILEGE SIN STORY  
CHRIST JESUS ATONEMENT REDEMPTION FORGIVENESS WALK  
WORTHY MANNER LIFE STRENGTH POWER ENABLES OUTLOOK  
KNOWLEDGE PLEASE RESPECTS GROWING WORK CROSS CHURCH

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A X A B S B G I O Y S I N R B E Q
L T A T S T P R I V I L E G E F G
U J O F E P C F O F H S K N Y I O
F E V N N Y Y E X W C S O K L L S
N S Z O E G H X P U I I T N G T P
A U B A V M F T E S T N B O E V E
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D E H Q R P L E T E W R P E R W L
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L A H K R O A E U H T G N E R T S
C M R V W N O U T L O O K H R D X
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