

BE THE CHURCH
Impacting A COVID World For Christ

Connecting People ♦ Growing Faith ♦ Serving Others ♦ Sharing Good News

GROWING FAITH
Colossians 1:9-12

Colossians 2:7 *Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him, so you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done.*

WHAT GOD'S WORD DOES FOR US:

■ It helps us _____.

2 Timothy 3:15 *You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.*

■ It teaches us _____.

John 8:31-32 *You are truly my disciples if you keep obeying my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*

■ It shows us _____.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 *All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do.*

■ It gives us _____.

Psalms 1:1-3 *Oh the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with scoffers. But they delight in doing everything the Lord wants...day and night they think about his law. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season without fail. Their leaves never wither, and in all they do, they prosper.*

1ST STAGE: Use it to gain _____.
Colossians 1:9a *Since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will.*

2ND STAGE: Use it to attain _____.
Colossians 1:9b *...to fill you with...all spiritual wisdom and understanding.*

3RD STAGE: Use it to develop _____.
Colossians 1:10a *...in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way...*

4TH STAGE: Use it to sharpen _____.
Colossians 1:10b *...bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.*

5TH STAGE: Use it to build _____.
Colossians 1:11-12 *...being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father.*

Now that you know these things, you'll be blessed if you do them.
John 13:17

How Will I Use God's Word To Grow My Faith?

- I need to **HEAR** it
- I need to **READ** it
- I need to **STUDY** it
- I need to **MEMORIZE/MEDITATE ON** it
- I need to **APPLY** it