

It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me. Colossians 1:28-29 (NRSV)

Present Everyone Mature

You have some urgent and important work that you have been given to do for me. The work won't be easy. It will require your best effort. It will use all your energy. It will be a struggle. Are you trying to discourage me even before I start? **No, I want you to know what to expect. I don't want you to be tempted to give up when you experience struggle and difficulty.** You mentioned that the work you have given to me would require my best effort and all my energy. **Yes, I did. Do you have a question about that?** Yes, I do. Will my best efforts and all my energy be enough to accomplish the work that you have given to me? **That's a very good and wise question. I am pleased that you asked it. No, your best efforts and all your energy will not be nearly enough. You will need to rely on my power to accomplish the work that I have given to you.** So, my best effort and all my energy will not really be mine at all. My best effort and all my energy will be the power and strength that you will give to me. **You got that right.**

You must remain focused on the work that I have given to you. Don't let yourself be distracted by other tasks that appear to be good works. Don't leave or set aside the work that I have given you to do something else. You must be clear in your heart and mind about the work that I have called you to do for me. Would you like me to describe again the work that I have given you to do for me? Yes, that would be great. **I have called you to go and make disciples. I have asked you to proclaim me to those who do not know me. You are my witness. You will testify on my behalf. Tell others how they can be forgiven and cleansed of all their sins. Tell others how they can receive the gift of salvation from me. Help them to turn away from their sin to follow me. Help them to know what it means to follow me as their Savior and Lord. Warn them of the eternal danger of living their life apart from me. Your goal is to present mature disciples to me. That is the fruit that I want you to bear for my kingdom. That is how I want you to bring glory to my name. That is how I want you to use the power that I will give to you. Will you do this for me?** Yes Lord, I will go and make disciples.

Lord, thank you for calling me into your service. Help me to boldly and powerfully proclaim your salvation. Help me to warn others about the eternal danger of living life apart from you. Help me to teach others so they can grow mature in their life with you. Amen

So That *Perfect In Christ*

We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.

NIV Colossians 1:28-29

So That *Mature In Christ*

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

ESV Colossians 1:28-29

So That *Perfect In Their Relationship In Christ*

So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ. That's why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me.

NLT Colossians 1:28-29

So That *Perfect In Christ Jesus*

Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

NKJV Colossians 1:28-29

So That *Mature In Christ*

It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

NRSV Colossians 1:28-29

So That *To Maturity*

We preach Christ, warning people not to add to the Message. We teach in a spirit of profound common sense so that we can bring each person to maturity. To be mature is to be basic. Christ! No more, no less. That's what I'm working so hard at day after day, year after year, doing my best with the energy God so generously gives me.

MSG Colossians 1:28-29

So That *Mature In Christ*

Him we preach and proclaim, warning and admonishing everyone and instructing everyone in all wisdom (comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God), that we may present every person mature (full-grown, fully initiated, complete, and perfect) in Christ (the Anointed One). For this I labor [unto weariness], striving with all the superhuman energy which He so mightily enkindles and works within me.

AMP Colossians 1:28-29

So That *Perfect Because Of What Christ Has Done*

So everywhere we go we talk about Christ to all who will listen, warning them and teaching them as well as we know how. We want to be able to present each one to God, perfect because of what Christ has done for each of them. This is my work, and I can do it only because Christ's mighty energy is at work within me.

TLB Colossians 1:28-29

So That *Complete In Christ*

We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

NASB Colossians 1:28-29

So That *Mature Person In Christ*

So we continue to preach Christ to each person, using all wisdom to warn and to teach everyone, in order to bring each one into God's presence as a mature person in Christ. To do this, I work and struggle, using Christ's great strength that works so powerfully in me.

NCV Colossians 1:28-29

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you rely on the power of God to proclaim Christ so that others will grow mature in Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will rely on your power to proclaim you to others so that they will grow mature in you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I proclaim you so that others will grow mature in you?
