

Colossians 1:9-14 A QUALITY CONTROL PURPOSE STATEMENT:
TO LIVE A LIFE WORTHY OF THE LORD AND TO PLEASE HIM IN EVERY WAY:

1. WE WILL KNOW _____ - v. 9
A. Through spiritual _____ B. Through _____

In the Bible, wisdom is seeing life from _____ point of view, and understanding is the ability to apply wisdom in _____ ways.

Proverbs 2:1-11: My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, ² turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—³ indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, ⁴ and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, ⁵ then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. ⁷ He holds success in store for the upright, He is a shield to those whose walk is blameless; ⁸ for He guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones. Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path. ¹⁰ For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. ¹¹ Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.

- A. IF - v. 1-4
The Word of God - v. 1 Scripture _____ - v. 1b
Attentive listening - v. 2a Obedient _____ - v. 2b
Persistent _____ - v. 3 Diligent study of the Word of God - v. 4

B. THEN - v. 5-12 Trace the words wisdom, understanding, and fear of the Lord through Proverbs

2. SO THAT OUR LIVES WILL _____ GOD - in every way - v. 10, 11

3 areas Paul mentions:

- A. Bearing _____ in every good work
1) Gal. 5:22 - the fruit of the Spirit - *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control*
2) People brought to Christ - *John 15:16 – “I chose you to bear fruit - fruit that will last.”*

B. Growing in the _____ of God
II Peter 3:18 - grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ
Jer. 29:13 - you will find Me when you search for me with all your heart.

C. Being strengthened with His _____
Isa. 40:31 - they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength
Phil. 4:19 - I can do all things through Christ who keeps on pouring His power into me!

3. SO THAT WE WILL HAVE ENDURANCE AND _____ - v. 11b

Quality Control for the believer begins and ends with knowing the _____ of God through growing in wisdom and understanding.

4. AND WE WILL GIVE THANKS

A. Remembering our _____ - v. 14

B. Looking forward to our _____ - v. 13

