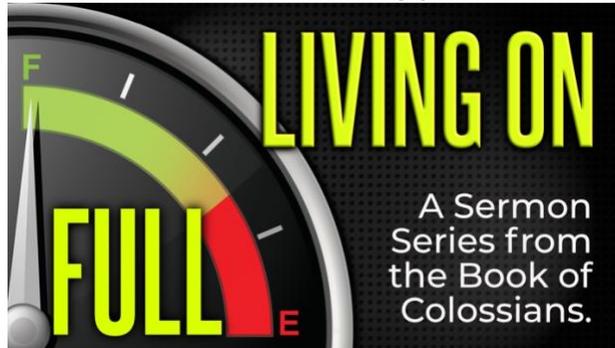


“LIVING ON FULL– Mothers moving from Fumes to Fullness”



Colossians 1: 1 – 13

Background of Letter– the apostle Paul was a prisoner in Rome for the sake of Jesus (see Acts 21: 17 – 28: 31). About the same time, **Epaphras** showed up in Rome because he needed Paul’s help. Epaphras evangelized Colossae, Laodicea, and Hierapolis. Some new doctrines were being taught in Colossae and were invading the church and creating problems. So, Paul wrote this letter to the Colossians to refute these heretical teachings and establish the truth of FULLNESS OF LIFE IS FOUND IN JESUS. Epaphras remained with Paul in Rome (Col. 4:12–13).

Vision of Motherhood – see 1: 1 *“Timothy”* – How did Timothy come to faith in Christ & become a strong leader in the movement of Christianity? – see [2 Timothy 1 : 3 – 5](#) – I.E. - His mother and grandmother imparted their faith to him.

Let’s discover HOW Moms (& every believer) can go from ‘*Running on Fumes*’ to ‘*Living on Full.*’  
By the Holy Spirit, May you become a Disciple of Jesus who is .....

**1. – Being Empowered by \_\_\_\_\_ - See 1: 3 – 5a**

*“We always thank God for you...”*

- Notice – Paul’s appreciation was centered on their CHARACTER TRAITS not their CONDUCT FAULTS.
- What CHARACTER TRAITS are you most grateful to God for your mother?
- Moms, What CHARACTER TRAITS are you most grateful to God for children?

**2. – Bearing Fruit of \_\_\_\_\_ - See 1: 5b-8**

*“You heard ...the Word of truth, the Gospel that has come to you.. bearing fruit...”*

**Age-Stage Model of Faith Development :**

EXPRESS the Truth  
EXPERIENCE the Truth  
EMBRACE the Truth  
EXPLORE the Truth



**3. – Becoming Devoted to \_\_\_\_\_ - See 1: 9 – 13**

*“We haven’t stopped praying for you... you may be filled...you may walk...”*

Pray \_\_\_\_\_ for Your Family. – see Vs.9

Pray For Spiritual Knowledge & Experience of God and His Will. – See Vs. 9b- 10

Pray for Worthy \_\_\_\_\_ - See Vs. 10

Pray for Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ to Endure – see Vs. 11

Pray with a Heart of Gratitude – see Vs. 12 – 13

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**WORKING THE WORD CHALLENGES –**

- *“We always thank God for you.”* **SHARE together as a family - Which CHARACTER QUALITIES of your mother are you most grateful to God?** Make this a time of celebration and laughter with your mom. Moms, also take time to express appreciation for your family members.
- *“The Gospel has come to you bearing fruit.”* **CELEBRATE & DISCUSS** with partner or family how you first heard the Gospel and the good fruit you have experienced.
- *“We are praying for you.”* **DEVELOP a prayer strategy** by praying certain Bible passages for specific people in your daily traffic patterns of family, friends, church, school, recreation, & work. Begin by praying 1: 9 – 14. Trust God to enable you to become a person devoted to prayer.
- **READ** daily the Bible following the **PHILEMON EXPLAINED** (May 9-11) <https://bit.ly/33aeyUN> & then **EPHESIANS EXPLAINED** (May 12 – 20) <https://bit.ly/3eTgPjk> . This is on the YouVersion app with devotional commentary.