COLOSSIANS

"So that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects...."

COLOSSIANS 1:25-29

"Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the *preaching of* the word of God, that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints,

to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

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.

In vv. 24 and 25, Paul says he has been made a "minister"

 Δ ιάκονος \leftrightarrow "diakonos"

Meaning: "Servant"

"Deacon"

We can all "serve"..."deak"

And we are all called to be "servants"

Walking Worthy Of The Lord In Ministry Involves...

- Joy, "Now I rejoice," 24.
- Suffering, "in my suffering," 24.
- Selflessness, "for your sake," 24.
- Servanthood, "and in my flesh, I do my share."
 24.
- Church-focus, "on behalf of His body, which is the church," 24.

Walking Worthy Of The Lord In Ministry Involves...

- Christ-focus, "in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions." 24.
- Ministry-mindset, "I was made a minster," 25.
- Stewardship from God, "according to the stewardship from God," 25.
- Grace-Awareness, "bestowed upon me," 25.
- Word Centered, "...the Word of God." 25

Walking Worthy Of The Lord In Ministry Involves...

- Dispensational Understanding, "the mystery."
 26, 27.
- Proclamation, "We proclaim Him," 28.
- Personalization, 28
 - ✓ "Admonishing every man,"
 - √ "Teaching every man,"

Walking in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects... includes our "ministry"... everything we do to serve Him!

AND THAT SHOULD INCLUDE EVERYTHING WE DO!



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