

A Life Worthy of the Lord

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Colossians 1:9-12.
- B. There are key foundations for a worthy life.

II. Faith.

- A. Faith means that one lives according to what he believes.
- B. Our emotions are not reliable.
- C. Faith is an internal conviction that shapes us. (James 2)
- D. We want to bring the Word of God in so it changes our convictions.

III. Love.

- A. We can only love others when we have been filled with the love of God.
- B. We cannot know the love of God without experience.
- C. We are created with a need to love.
- D. We have a foundation to experience God's love as a Father.
- E. Perfect love casts out fear—women ought to let men go of which they are afraid.
- F. Men need to be men of the love of God so that they can flee dangerous situations—there must be an understanding of what it means to be a man with substance.

IV. Hope.

- A. Hope is firm expectation based on certain knowledge.
- B. Hope anchors a person. (Isaiah 48:28-31, Hebrews 6:19)

Application questions:

1. Why are these three principles critical for living the single life as a Christian?

2. What does it mean to you to experience the love of God?

3. How can both sexes be tempted with inappropriate love? What is the answer to this?
