MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK: Colossians 3:16-17 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. [17]And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

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MONDAY, MAY 23

Read Colossians 3

1. To walk a straight line across a field, you put your vision on a distant object and walk towards it. What distant object does Paul say we should set our minds?
2. Paul puts together a checklist of some of the things to avoid. With which, if any, do you struggle? Is there any indication that pursuing a sinful life is desirable so that "grace may abound?"
3. Verses 12-17 are full of encouragement. Does one phrase especially resonate with you?

- **Prayer:** ***Heavenly Father, help me be thankful, especially for _____.***

TUESDAY, MAY 24

Read Colossians 4

1. Is "bondservant" another name for a slave? How were the masters to treat them? Did Paul support slavery? As a Christian, what would you do if given a slave by a friend who lived in a country where people still practiced slavery? Is there slavery in America today?
2. Paul encourages the Colossians to have speech that is gracious and seasoned with _____? (See also Matthew 5, 13). What are some of the properties of salt?
3. Paul mentions Luke, "the beloved physician" in verse 14. Was the book of Acts written yet? For more information, visit this site: https://www.blueletterbible.org/study/pnt/pnt02.cfm

- **Prayer:** ***Lord, let me be a faithful servant, filled with Your knowledge, fulfilling Your role for me in Your history of loved humanity.***

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

Read 1 Thessalonians 1

1. In what ways did the Gospel come to the Thessalonians?
2. When they received the Word in much affliction, they received with what? Consequently, they became the _____ to all believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. Where is this?
3. Verse ten promises that Jesus will deliver believers from what? What do you do to help non-believers avoid this judgment?

- **Prayer:** ***Thank You, Heavenly Father, for Your Son, Jesus, who saves me from Your coming wrath. Help me be joyful as I share the good news of Jesus to others.***

THURSDAY, MAY 26

Read 1 Thessalonians 2

1. Paul treats the Thessalonians with mildness and tenderness. How does this support the message of the Gospel? Are people more or less willing to hear God's message when presented mildly and tenderly?
2. The Thessalonians suffered, not from the Jews, but from whom? Where in the world are Christians currently suffering at the hands of their own countrymen? Why are Christians seen as such threats?
3. "…Satan hindered us." What does that mean? Is spiritual warfare real? Have you seen or do you currently see it in your life? See Job 1 for an interesting court room drama.

- **Prayer:** ***Lord, let me always present Your Gospel with mildness and tenderness to the unbelievers in my life.***

FRIDAY, MAY 27

Read 1 Thessalonians 3

1. Who does Paul send to help establish and exhort the Thessalonians in their faith? What two additional epistles does Paul write to this man? How is Paul developing him to continue the ministry of the Gospel to the Gentiles?
2. What is the report on the Church at Thessalonica? Compare their challenges and response to the Corinthian or Galatian churches. False prophets deceived them all. Do these prophets exist today? If so, name some signs of false teaching.
3. What are some reasons some churches flourish and others are overtaken by heresy?

- **Prayer:** ***Lord, lead me by Your Word, Your Spirit and wise Christian counsel to protect me from the many false prophets in today's society.***

SATURDAY, MAY 28

Read 1 Thessalonians 4

1. Paul discusses sanctification. How would you define sanctification? Are there actions that accompany it? Name three items Paul mentions. Do you think that Thessalonica was more or less carnal than the United States today?
2. Paul encourages the Thessalonians to keep up the good work they are doing. In verse 9, he repeats one of the two commandments Jesus gave us. What was it?
3. In verses 16-17, Paul describes Jesus' return. He mentions a sound of what instrument? This instrument is mentioned also in Exodus, 1 Corinthians, and Revelation. What is the study of end times? For extra credit, research how this instrument is involved in Christ's second coming.

- **Prayer***:* ***Lord, let me mediate upon and be prepared for Your return. Thank You for Your saving Grace.***