

# Growing PRAISE

EVERY NIGHT...EVERY HOME...THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE

6 — 12 September 2020

## THEME VERSE - Colossians 3:17

*"And whatever you do or say,  
do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks through him to God the Father."*

### TABLE GRACE

*For food & drink & happy days,  
accept our gratitude & praise.  
In serving others, may we do,  
everything as though to You.*

Amen.

#### 5 POINT CHECK UP

1. Share your highs (good times) and lows (bad times)
2. Read a verse from the Bible.
3. What do you find "best" in the text? What is most confusing or hard to understand? What does God want you to do ?
4. Pray for one another (Praise God, Thank Jesus, Ask the Holy Spirit).
5. Bless one another.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*"What does it mean to be a  
Christian airline pilot?  
Land. The. Plane.  
As smoothly as you can."*  
— Tim Keller

Living Water Fellowship, Wagga Wagga  
Come...Grow...Go...Show



### let's TALK

1. Gather in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Share your highs/lows. Read Colossians 3:17-24 & Mark 10:28-30. What strikes you in these verses? How are they a challenge AND an encouragement for you?
2. If you are asked to do a task you don't like to do, what do you usually do? How does Col 3:17 set up everything that follows? How are these practical daily realities shaped by what Paul says in Col 3:1-5 & 12-14? How well do you think you live out the new reality, new person or new clothing as Paul describes it? What's keeping you from living it fully? What support or encouragement would you need?
3. What is the connection between 3:17 & 3:23? Note also Jeremiah 29:4-7. How does the captives producing excellence in their captivity & aiding the prosperity of their captors bring God glory? Luther also notes that Christians are to live their vocations with excellence because God is pleased when his people offer their best gifts in honourable labour. How would that attitude change how people work?
4. Why do you think Jesus offers the promise of Mk 10:29-30? (check out the wider context) What are the 2 different time frames associated with verses 29 & 30? How is that a challenge to what has happened earlier in this chapter? How does Jesus' assurance for both present & future provision encourage your faith?

### let's READ

Sunday	1 Peter 2:4-5	Thursday	1 Corinthians 4:12
Monday	Proverbs 12:11	Friday	Proverbs 14:23-24
Tuesday	Ephesians 4:1-2	Saturday	1 Peter 3:15-16
Wednesday	Psalm 127:1-2	MEMORIZE	Colossians 3:23

### let's PRAY

**PRAISE GOD** for making you his priest in your world.

**THANK JESUS** for making your life in him holy so your work becomes a place of holiness.

**ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT** to bless & strengthen your heart & hands for the work you do.

### let's BLESS

*Make the sign of the cross on each other & say:*

*(Name), † child of God,*

*May Christ in you*

*make your vocation his mission.*

*Amen.*

