

Colossians 1:24-2:5  
***The Struggles, Motivation and Joys of Helping Others***  
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## Introduction

### I The Struggles of Helping Others

A] Paul \_\_\_\_\_ his struggles 1:29-2:1

B] Paul is \_\_\_\_\_ about his struggles.

1] Paul struggled as \_\_\_\_\_ did. vs. 24.

2] His struggles were \_\_\_\_\_ other centered. vs. 24-25.

3] Paul struggled in \_\_\_\_\_ Christ. vs. 28a.

4] He struggled in \_\_\_\_\_ others. vs. 28b.

5] Paul struggled in \_\_\_\_\_ others. vs. 28c.

6] He struggled in \_\_\_\_\_ others. vs. 2:1

C] Paul is specific as to the \_\_\_\_\_ of his struggles 1:29-2:1.

1] The word \_\_\_\_\_ in 1: 29 = \_\_\_\_\_

2] The word \_\_\_\_\_ in 1:29; 2:1 = \_\_\_\_\_

### II The Motivation in Helping Others

Paul's motivation was not self-centered but other centered. We all can be self-centered even in our help to others e.g. *I will help you so that I can get something from you. I will help you so that you will like me. I will help you so that you will not disagree with me.* Paul's motivation was to help others so that they may \_\_\_\_\_ a deeper relationship with Christ. 2:2-4.

### III The Joys of Helping Others

A] Paul's struggles \_\_\_\_\_ joy. 1:24a; 2:5.

B] His joy was seeing \_\_\_\_\_ in the Colossians saints. 2:5a-b.

C] Paul's joy was seeing \_\_\_\_\_ in the Colossians saints. 2:5c.

## Conclusion----- Questions to ponder.

*Are the experiences of the apostle Paul in Colossians 1:24-2:5 to some degree our experiences? Do we struggle like he struggled? Is our motivation in helping others self centered or other centered? When we help others, is our ministry to them based upon a genuine desire to see them grow in a deeper relationship to Christ? Is there any joy in our ministry to others? If not, why do you think this is so?*

