THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS
“Apostolic Ministry”
Colossians 1:28, 29

The common verb for “teaching” is emphasized. It is the same verb as Mt.

28:20. Since this word connotes something didactic, the obvious belief. The Pastoral Epistles (1, 2 Tim. and Titus) are a good study the importance of sound teaching.

Note: The above two participles are qualified by two additional

a. “Every man.” This is a universal singular. No intellectu

b. “In all wisdom.” The singular for “all” conveys every ki

4. DIRECTIONAL

The purpose clause introduced by “that” points to a specific

evident elsewhere in the N.T. (Acts 23:33; Ro. 6:13; 16; 12

“perfection,” a word which in this context means to get a believ

Novices in Bible doctrine are not God’s norm. Paul’s goal in

fully initiate his converts. The sphere in which this perfection is

Jesus.” What an exalted good -- fully grown believers (cf. 1 Cor

4:13).

5. PRACTICAL

Now Paul states the lengths to which he goes to get the result

have. Look at it!!

a. “Laboring.”

The particle “also” shows Paul goes beyond “warning; “

“presenting.”” He really gives it all he has (cf. 2 Cor. 6:5). The aq

“wear out” then “rust out.” The verb is present active indicativ

b. Striving

Being a present middle participle, this verb expresses

practiced. It is used of games, sports (cf. 1 Cor. 9:25; Coil. 4

6:12). For Paul, the “ministry” was exhausting, but not fatigui

6. MEASURABLE

Nothing can be more powerful than the last portion of t

methodology which counts but the working (energizing) of the

(cf. vv. 27, 28). Utter dependence upon divine power is what

preposition “according to” states. While in no v

responsibility/accountability, the servants of God cannot be den

Think it over

This is straight Bible. If you really want to evaluate, give a score

you must do it according to the criteria recorded. If you test a n

you better do it God’s way! There is no room here for moven

carried on in God’s way will never lack God’s blessing. Amen