

Bible Discussion



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National Nurses Week 2013

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This year's theme communicates that nurses provide high -- quality and innovative patient care. Their focus is to do what is best for the patient -- always protecting and promoting the patient's health and well-being. The public consistently praises nurses as being the most trusted professionals, but we know that it is HARD work to give excellent care to all of our patients all of the time. Thankfully, we have many available resources to help us provide the BEST patient care possible -- continuing education, competency testing, research findings, etc. As followers of Jesus, we can also look to God's Word for encouragement and instruction as we seek excellence and innovation in our work and our lives.

Read Paul's prayer for the Colossians in chapter 1:9-12 and discuss the questions that follow.

⁹⁻¹² Be assured that from the first day we heard of you, we haven't stopped praying for you, asking God to give you wise minds and spirits attuned to his will, and so acquire a thorough understanding of the ways in which God works. We pray that you'll live well for the Master, making him proud of you as you work hard in his orchard. As you learn more and more how God works, you will learn how to do *your* work. We pray that you'll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul—not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. It is strength that endures the unendurable and spills over into joy, thanking the Father who makes us strong enough to take part in everything bright and beautiful that he has for us.

-The Message (MSG)

1. What does Paul ask God to give the Colossians? How can nurses benefit from these same things as they care for others?
2. Describe the kind of lives that Paul wants for the Colossians. What does hard work look like in your "orchard"?
3. What does high-quality nursing care look like in your work setting? What helps you and your co-workers to strive for excellence in your work?
4. What do you know about God that helps you in your work?
5. How would you describe the difference between "the grim strength of gritting your teeth" and "the glory-strength God gives" in your daily nursing practice?
6. How can you empower others to improve the quality of their care?

Take time to pray:

- *Give thanks to God for the strength and joy he provides to his people*
- *Pray for each other – for teachable spirits; that you'll "live well for the Master"; and that you'll have "strength to stick it out over the long haul".*