:: Summary

Organizations have codes of conduct, societies moral codes, other groups codes of honor. The Bible also contains such codes. From the Ten Commandments, to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, to the household codes of the New Testament Church, the Bible contains rules for life, commandments, and other codes that God intends for our blessing. This series, THE CODE, is designed to inspire you to have a personal code for your life in Christ, a code rooted in God's Word and lived out in relationship with the Lord. "Live a life worthy of the Lord" is the code that flows from today's text.

:: Share

Do you have any intentional, conscious rules for life or plans that help guide your daily living and life direction? Share an example.

:: Explore and Discuss | Colossians 1:9-14

How does living in a way worthy of Jesus elevate your life?

How do you live this out without falling into the trap of works righteousness (earning God's love or approval by your deeds)?

What are some other dimensions of living worthily that have nothing to do with outward actions?

:: Apply it to Your Life

When you hear the call to live a life worthy of the Lord, does it feel like a burden or impossible task, or does it simply fill you with a desire to please the One who loves you?

What does this mean to you: *"Jesus gave his all for me – I owe my all to him"*?

In verses 9-12, identify one aspect of Paul's prayer that you desire God to work more into your life (greater knowledge or wisdom, greater awareness of the Spirit moving, increased gratitude or joy, etc.)

:: Pray

Heavenly Father, in love you have rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son. In Him we know true forgiveness and grace. Jesus you have shown us how much we mean to you. In response, it is our desire to live lives worthy of you in the fullest way possible, in both the interior and exterior aspects of our being. Help us to bear fruit in every good work, grow in knowledge of you, be strengthened by your power, and give you joyful thanks in all things. May this be part of our code. Amen