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**Rules of Biblical Interpretation:**

- Document context
- Historical background
- Entirety of Bible
- Goal of clarity, not for hidden secrets
- Form of literature

**Application of 1:1-14 line by line:**

- How sure am I that I have been chosen by God?  
1..... 2.....3.....4.....5  
Not Somewhat Mildly Mostly Totally
- Do I pray for a certain group of people daily?  
1..... 2.....3.....4.....5  
No Somewhat Mildly Mostly Totally
- Do others know of my faith in Christ, and do they see it by the way I love God's people?  
1..... 2.....3.....4.....5  
No Somewhat Fair Good Totally
- Do I have a confident hope of what God has reserved for me in heaven?  
1..... 2.....3.....4.....5  
No Unsure Minimal Yes Totally
- Can I say the gospel has changed my life?  
1..... 2.....3.....4.....5  
No Unsure Minimal Yes Totally
- Do I spread the Good News everywhere I go?  
1..... 2.....3.....4.....5  
No Somewhat Fair Good Totally
- Do I ask the Holy Spirit to give me a love for others?  
1..... 2.....3.....4.....5  
No Seldom Sometimes Often Totally
- Do I know the truths of God and am I applying them to my life?  
1..... 2.....3.....4.....5  
No Somewhat Fair Good Totally

- Is the way I am living my life pleasing God, it is bearing fruit and am I getting to know God better and better?  
1..... 2.....3.....4.....5  
No Somewhat Fair Good Totally
- Am I demonstrating God's power in me to show more endurance, more patience and more joy?  
1..... 2.....3.....4.....5  
No Somewhat Fair Good Totally

- Do I know that I have been transferred into a new kingdom and that my sins are forgiven?  
1..... 2.....3.....4.....5  
No Unsure Somewhat Mostly Totally

**Col. 1:15b-17 Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.**

- I am starting to understand God more and more by studying how and what Jesus did when he was on earth?  
1..... 2.....3.....4.....5  
Not at all Somewhat Mildly Mostly Totally

**Col. 1:16 Everything has been created through him and for him.**

- How sure am I that I have been created by God for God?  
1..... 2.....3.....4.....5  
Not at all Somewhat Mildly Mostly Totally

**Col. 1:18-23** ... *you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.*

- I can accept the fact that Jesus sees me as blameless and without fault?  
1..... 2.....3.....4.....5  
Not at all Somewhat Mildly Mostly Totally

**Col. 1:24-29** ... *I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me.*

- I am trying with all of Christ's power to share my faith with others and help them mature in their faith?  
1..... 2.....3.....4.....5  
Not at all Somewhat Mildly Mostly Totally

**JESUS IS SUPREME AND SUFFICIENT**

**Resources:**

- Biblehub.com (Clarke's Commentary, Expositors Bible Commentary)
- The AMG Concise-Bible Commentary, Intervarsity Bible Commentary