

**Series:** *Colossians: The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ*  
**Lesson:** *The Minister's Struggle*  
**Text:** Colossians 2:1-7 (L6)  
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#### INTRODUCTION

In Colossians 2:1-7, we will consider five aspects of "ministerial struggle." We will use the word "ministerial," but not in a technical sense. Rather, it references the one who engages in gospel ministry (cf. 1:24-29). Paul had been entrusted by God (i.e., as a "steward," 1:25) to be "full-time" in such gospel ministry, and thus, he experienced a fuller degree of "ministerial struggle." However, since everyone should be a gospel minister (1:24-29), we all should experience this struggle on the behalf of others.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ OF MINISTERIAL STRUGGLE (v. 1)

**Application:**

#### \_\_\_\_\_ OF MINISTERIAL STRUGGLE (vv. 2-3)

1. He struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ their hearts.
2. He struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ them in love.
3. He struggled to enrich them through \_\_\_\_\_.
4. He struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ them in Christ.

**Application:**

#### \_\_\_\_\_ FOR MINISTERIAL STUGGLE (vv. 4-5a)

1. False teaching was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Good teaching was \_\_\_\_\_.

**Application:**

#### \_\_\_\_\_ OF MINISTERIAL STUGGLE (v. 5)

**Application:**

#### \_\_\_\_\_ TO MINISTERIAL STUGGLE (vv. 6-7)

1. Continue in \_\_\_\_\_
2. Abound with \_\_\_\_\_

**Application:**

#### CONCLUSION

"Our great spiritual need has been met by the fullness of the table of blessings in Christ. Jesus Christ is the fullness of deity, and from His fullness He has given us spiritual fullness. Why look elsewhere? Why look for treasure we already have? As believers we have the awesome opportunity to feed at the table of spiritual blessing in Christ."<sup>36</sup> Such treasure should be joyfully enjoyed personally and tirelessly shared corporately. Let us struggle together, then, to find ourselves satisfied in Christ alone.

<sup>36</sup> Anders, pp. 310-11.