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Application

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 3. Bearing _____ and increasing → _____ lives
 4. Gospel of the _____ of God *in truth*
 5. Gospel *you learned from* _____ – their spiritual _____
Faithful _____ of Paul and of _____
Informed Paul of the Colossians’ _____ in the Spirit

Insights and Application

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2 Cor. 11:28
 - Thanks God for the _____ of the gospel in their lives

Application: Do I _____ about others enough to pray for them?
How? _____ God for them
Tell them how _____ has used them in your life.
2. Motivation for proclaiming the gospel, the word of _____ – the potential for _____ lives (2 Cor. 5:16-17)

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