

Consult with Christ -- He is Supreme! (Verses in Colossians 1 & 2)

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Lectio Divina Rhythms/Process (Repeat three times):

- (a) Read the Scripture passage ("Lectio")
- (b) Reflect on the focus question below ("Meditatio")
- (c) Respond in quiet prayer/journaling ("Oratio")
- (d) Rest in God's invitation for you then pray/share out loud if you want ("Contemplatio")

Introduction: When we need to hire a consultant for our business, church, or personal life we have many options. For advice there are many experts or best-selling books we might turn to. Jesus Christ is the best Consultant and the smartest Person in the world, why not turn to him? When we seek human counsel do we submit it to Christ, careful to follow his wisdom and his way? Sadly, as Christian pastors, elders, business leaders, and parents who need to solve a problem or move forward we may rely on cultural ideas and methods that are contrary to those of Christ. Paul invites us to consult with the Supreme Being in the universe.

Opening Prayer: "In Christ are hidden all treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:3).

Read Scripture: Colossians (NIV84)

1: 15 [Jesus Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross...

2: 3 ...In [Christ] are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge...

9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, 10 and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

1st Reading: What is one word or phrase the Holy Spirit impresses on you? Meditate on that.

2nd Reading: Bring a decision or challenge that you (or your organization) are facing to Christ, as he's revealed here in Colossians. What do you feel? Write down a prayer or pray quietly.

3rd Reading: What is the Lord Jesus offering you (or your organization)? You can write down what God may be saying to you or a prayer of thanks. Or rest quietly in God.