

**Colossians**  
**12 – Laboring for the Church**  
**Colossians 1:25-29**  
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- I. The Suffering Endured in Paul's Ministry (verse 24)
- II. The Responsibility Fulfilled in Paul's Ministry (verses 25-27)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- III. The Labor Expended in Paul's Ministry (verses 28-29)
  - A. The work to be done.
  - B. The purpose of the work.
  - C. The labor required for the work.
  - D. The source of strength for the work.
  
- IV. Applications
  - A. The labor will fall heaviest on leaders, yet all must shoulder their load.
  - B. Do not assume that you can decide for yourself the assignment that Christ has given you in the church.
  - C. Be prepared to pay a price of self-denial for the work that you must do to fulfill the assignment that Christ gives you in the church.
  - D. With all soberness, remember that there is a price that God forbids us to pay for the work of the ministry.
  - E. Think in terms of a Biblically broad scope of the work you have been assigned in the church.