

Paul's Prayer for **the Colossians**

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- ...that **you** may **be filled** with the **knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding**; that **you** may **walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God**; **strengthened** with **all might**, according to **His glorious power**, for **all patience and longsuffering** with **joy**;

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- *...that **you** may **be filled** with the **knowledge** of **His will**...*
- We need to **add knowledge** to our **faith** **2**
Peter 1:5-6
- We are to **understand** the **Lord's will**
Ephesians 5:15-17
- Lack of knowledge **destroys** **God's people**
Hosea 4:6
- **Col. 2:3,4,8,17,18,20**

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- *in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;*
Wisdom is the **correct application** of
knowledge
- **Knowledge without wisdom** is **vain**
- **1 Cor. 8:1-2; 13:2; Gal. 6:3; Jm 3:1,13-18**
- **Proverbs 3:3-4** *mercy + truth → favor*
- **Prov. 1:7** *fear of the Lord → wisdom*
- **John 7:17** *If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine*

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- *that you may walk worthy of the Lord,*
Walk is an **active** process for a specific **destination Col. 4:5** follows **wisdom**
- **Romans 6:3-4** Christian's lifestyle
- **Conduct befitting** of the **gospel Phil. 1:27**
- **Walk** in **Christ Col. 2:6**
- **Walk** in **wisdom Col. 4:5**
- **Motivation** and **pattern** for **becoming like Christ 2 Cor. 3:18**

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- *fully* (in every way) *pleasing Him*,
- **Micah 6:8** *do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with God* → **pleasing God**
- **Enoch walked** with **God** → **pleased God**
Hebrews 11:5
- **Faith** in **God's goodness** **pleases Him v.6**
- **Sacrifices of praise and benevolence**
please Him Heb. 12:15-16
- **1 John 3:22**

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- *being fruitful in every good work*
- **2 Tim. 3:16-17** scripture is the **only source** to furnish us to **every good work**
- **Only source** to **reveal** what **pleases God** **1 Cor. 2:8-16**
- We must **bear fruit or die!** **John 15:1-8**
- **Fruit** is **reproduction** **Matt. 28:18-20**
- **Fruit** of **the Spirit** **Gal. 5:22-23**
- **Fruit** of **our lips** **Heb. 13:15**

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- *increasing in the knowledge of God*
- **Know** the **Word** of **God** in order to **know** the **God** of the **Word**
- **True motive** for **Bible study** **Phil. 3:7-11**
- **Bible knowledge** \neq **knowledge** of **God**
- **Ephesians 3:18-19**
- *Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ* **2 Pet. 3:18**

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- *strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power,*
- Strength is a result of knowing God
- All believers have God's power Eph. 3:20
- How is God's power demonstrated in our lives?

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- *for all **patience** and **longsuffering** with **joy***
- **Hope** is the key to **endurance** **1 Th 1:3**
- **We need endurance to finish the race** **Heb. 12:1-3**
- **Not in miracles** but in **patience** and **grace** under **fire** **Col. 4:5-6; Philippians 2:14-16**

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- **v.13** were dead in the power of darkness
- **2:11-13** dead must be buried & raised

