

## Colossians 1:9-10 – Praying.

- I. Filled with the **knowledge of His will with all wisdom and understanding**...increasing in the knowledge of God...

**Knowledge** is information, **understanding** is “what it means” and **wisdom** is how to apply it in action. We have to be filled and increasing in all the three.

“To *know God and what He requires of us* is our first responsibility.”

“...Paul frequently alludes to knowledge and wisdom. To the point in which he judged the church to be deficient he turned his prayerful attention. He would not have them ignorant. He knew that spiritual ignorance is the constant source of error, instability, and sorrow; and therefore he desired that they might be soundly taught in the things of God.” Charles Spurgeon.

**Proverbs 18:15** - *The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.*

**Isaiah 33:6** - *Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, and the strength of salvation; the fear of the LORD is His treasure.*

**Jeremiah 4:22** - *“For My people are foolish, they have not known Me. They are silly children, and they have no understanding. They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.”*

**Hosea 6:3** - *Let us know, let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, like the latter and former rain to the earth.*

**2 Peter 3:17-18** - *You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.*

- II. **That you may walk worthy of the Lord; fully pleasing Him.**

Paul also prayed that they would **walk worthy of the Lord**; to live like they belong to the LORD, to walk like He does, in character.

**Ephesians 4:1-3** - *I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and*

*gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

**1 Thessalonians 2:10-12** - *You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.*

**2 Corinthians 5:9** - *Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.*

**Matthew 3:17** - *And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*

**1 Corinthians 11:1** - *Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.*

### **III. Being fruitful in every good work...**

This means to be productive and effective (profitable) with everything God gives us.

**Genesis 1:22** - *And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."*

**Genesis 49:22** - *"Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a well; His branches run over the wall.*

**Matthew 13:23** - *"But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."*

**John 15:8** - *"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.*

**2 Corinthians 9:10-11** - *Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.*