

HOW TO PRAY EFFECTIVELY

(Colossians 1:9-11)

I. AN INTRODUCTION (1:1-2)

II. PRAYERS FOR THE COLOSSIANS (1:3-14)

A. Paul and Timothy were very grateful for fellow believers. (vv. 3-4)

B. They were very grateful for the Gospel of grace. (vv. 5-6)

C. They were very grateful for other faithful witnesses and teachers. (vv. 7-8)

D. Their Prayers for These Saints Were Constant and Not Superficial (vv. 9-11)

1. The believers in Colossae were on Paul and Timothy's mind a _____, consequently this was reflected in their prayers for them, they were _____. (v. 9a)

2. Their desire was that the Colossians would be filled _____ the _____ with not just any knowledge, but specifically "*the knowledge of _____*." (v. 9b)

3. When a believer receives this particular "knowledge," it leads to "_____ and spiritual _____." (v. 9c)

* How are these two realms alike but also different?

* Why are both needed?

4. The knowledge of God's will had in view the _____ that these believers "*might walk _____ of the Lord.*" (v. 10a)

5. The _____ of a worthy walk is to _____ the Lord. (v. 10b)

6. The marks of a worthy walk include...

a. being _____ in every good work (v. 10c)

b. not remaining stagnant, but _____ in the knowledge of God (v. 10d)

c. being _____ not through our own capabilities or ingenuities, but by _____, according to _____ glorious power. (v. 11a)

7. Paul listed three aspects of the Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23) that are a desired result of gaining the knowledge of God's will (v. 11b) ...

a. for all _____

b. for all _____

c. with all _____

* How can you personally apply this truth today?