

Colossians - Chapter 1

“Teach us How to Pray, Paul”

Colossians 1:9-10

Verse 9

1. Since Paul had heard of the salvation of these people, he had regularly prayed for them.
2. Passages such as this give us great insight into Paul's prayer life.
 - Paul's prayers were constantly focused on the _____ welfare of believers.
3. Paul desired that these converts be filled (fully furnished) with the knowledge of God's will.
4. How do we discover how we _____ into God's objective, purpose, and plan for this present time period?
 - Paul says that it comes through _____ and spiritual understanding. cf. Ephesians 5:17
 - Paul constantly prayed for this when praying for other believers. Ephesians 1:17-18
5. How do I grow in wisdom and spiritual understanding? I grow as I study and learn God's Word. God's _____ reveals God's will.
2 Timothy 3:15-16
 - I understand the _____ of God as the _____ of God teaches me the _____ of God.
 - All of God's Word is profitable, but Paul's prayer and passion was that believers would understand God's _____ that had been revealed through him for this present dispensation.
cf. 1:25-26, 2:2-3
6. As we read God's Word and understand Paul's mystery, we begin to be filled with the knowledge of God's will, and then we can take that knowledge and _____ it to the details of our lives with wisdom.

Verse 10

1. Without a proper spiritual understanding from God's Word it doesn't matter how sincere you are. You will end up off course, _____, and counterproductive in God's work.

- As we read and gain understanding into God's plan and purpose for _____ (revealed through Paul), it serves as a compass that directs us and helps us in our decision making and prioritizing.
- It is by Christ's revelations through _____ that we learn how to walk and to please God.
- *“Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.”*

1 Thessalonians 4:1

2. There were three key words in verses 9-10: wisdom, walk, and work. The order of these is extremely important.

- As I am filled with God's _____, I can _____ with God and, in turn, I can effectively _____ for God, bearing spiritual fruit.
- This was the focus of Paul's prayer life as he prayed for others.