



Colossians 1:9-14

Paul's prayers for the Colossians

As we pray for others and for ourselves, we can learn from Paul's prayers.

What we should be praying for:

1) **That we would know God**

Colossians 1:10b

Knowing God is more than just knowing about God.

First, we have to meet him. (2 Corinthians 6:2)

Then, as John 10:3b-4, we get to know him more.

"Read your Bible, pray every day, and you'll grow, grow, grow."

Growth should be natural – as a newborn.

(as March 3 – light, water, nutrition, oxygen)

2) **That our character would be God-honoring**

Colossians 1:11-12a

Character aspects: Endurance, patience, joy, thankful

(cf. Galatians 5:22,23)

God-honoring character is the evidence of the Spirit's power at work in our lives, as he enables us.

3) **That we would know what God wants us to do**

Colossians 1:9

Spiritual wisdom and understanding, both the general and specific will of God, comes as

"God wants us to know his mind. He wants us to grasp his very heart. We need minds so soaked with the content of Scripture, so imbued with biblical outlooks and principles, so sensitive to the Holy Spirit's prompting that we will know instinctively the upright step to take in any circumstance, small or great..." (John White)

cf. Joseph in Egypt

4) **That we would be serving**

Colossians 1:10a

DL Moody "Every Bible should be bound in shoe leather"

We need to pray that we will be doing what we know.