

## Colossians 1:9-14

from paltry to profound

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'In order to please him in every way, we must pray.'

Col 1: *9*And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, *10*so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; *11*being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; *12*giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. *13*He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, *14*in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

AT FIRST GLANCE, you might be like Paul, what are you saying? This is so confusing? RUN-ON SENTENCE PRAYER!

Title: 'In order to please him in every way, we must pray.'

presupposes one thing: you want to please Him; we will get to that at the end but I will ask, do you want to want to??

Each of these points has a 'at first glance you see \_\_\_\_\_'. What seems like paltry prayers

Gem #1 - In order to please him in every way, we must pray

FROM THE INSIDE OUT...

1. Our prayers look like this: Jesus help me NOT sin / Jesus help me get victory over my struggles / Jesus help me to share the gospel with this person or that person! Help me to love and serve others... ALL GREAT REQUESTS - Yet these are outside IN approach **to praying! What Paul does is a bit different here NOT One over the other, but rather from the INSIGHT OUT! He prays BOTH!**
2. *9-14 9*And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will (FILLED INSIDE OUR SOULS) in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, (OUTSIDE) *10*so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord (OUTSIDE) , fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; *11*being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, INSIDE for all endurance and patience with joy; OUTSIDE *12*giving thanks to the Father, (OUTSIDE) who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. (INSIDE) *13*He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, *14*in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
3. It is very easy to read this like a list of to dos/ commands to follow and miss the entire point! **YOU need jesus to Know Jesus...**

Gem #2 - In order to please him in every way, we must pray through our hills and valleys

1. *Who do we pray for? What prayer requests get our best and most focused attention? 9-14 9And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will (FILLED INSIDE OUR SOULS) in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, (OUTSIDE)*
  1. Paul is praying for those who have FAITH in Christ / LOVE for the ALL the saints / HOPE laid up for them in heaven... THESE PEOPLE ARE DOING SPIRITUALLY WELL!
  2. Story of Darwin Buffalo Bill guy - Cardiac Arrest
  3. WHY did Paul pray this way? What are we really saying when we just pray ...
    1. What we falsely believe is that we are mostly good but need a little to go over the top...
    2. We falsely believe that some people are in greater need than others... If people are on a hill spiritual with god, that god isn't the reason why! Isaiah 26:12 "O LORD, you will ordain peace for us, for you have indeed done for us all our works."
    3. We falsely believe that we can anything without Him! We can do "good works" but to bear fruit, fruit that will last is all from Him!
    4. We falsely believe that this is our home... In order to please him in every way, we must pray in the hills and valley looking to our eternal home.

Gem #3. In order to please him in every way, we must pray

for strength to endure, with joy.

1. Col 1 **11**being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; **12**giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.
2. When you pray: god give me strength to \_\_\_\_\_. What expectations follow?? Usually it's to overcome... have victory? Get out of a situation or circumstance! Some are single and want to be married / some are married and want to be single...
3. There will be times where God answers prayers to overcome!! But i am WITH YOU!!!
4. Joy - GRACE!!!

Gem #4. In order to please him in every way, we must pray

from our eternal id / with our community / back to God!

1. **11**being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; **12**giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. **13**He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, **14**in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
2. Our ID We are Kingdom People - we are not of this world... "GOD has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints"
3. COMMUNITY - v.1 To the saints and faithful brothers in Colossae
  - a. This is written by Paul and TIMOTHY - please note the word WE! V.9 —
  - a. Story from Dick's funeral
    - i. "My dad's greatest strength wasn't in his Harvard Business ... his ability to put together beautiful sermons... start multiply churches... His greatest Strength carry His suffering as an example to others, that even in our darkness hours

there is beauty, there is grace, there is power and love, in a logic confounding, death defying hope, that was my dad's greatest strength! That is his legacy, and now it's our inheritance..."

There are three people in the room I want to close with addressing

- those that don't WANT God... don't want to BEND the KNEE and bow your head and call Jesus LORD!!!
  - The pleasures of this world are paltry - they are so pathetic -
  - Your greatest problem is something you can't fix - the problem of DEATH
  - Your greatest pleasure isn't meant to give you life... its meant to POINT to the CREATOR / SUSTAINER / OWNER OF ALL PLEASURE. LIFE!...
  - **"Prosperity knits a man to the world. He feels that he is finding his place in it, while reality it is finding its place in him." CS Lewis**
  - You don't go to the best steakhouses to marvel AT THE knives... All the pleasures of this world are simple tools that God has given you to point and savor the
  - I BEG YOU to BEG GOD to HELP AND STRENGTHEN YOU>>> turn to JESUS and REPENT...
- those that WANT TO WANT JESUS - WANT TO WANT
  - IF... you truly desires and want Jesus, you are miracle child!!!
    - God is SO PLEASED WITH YOU... HE WANTS YOU MORE THAN YOU KNOW!!!
  - PRAY and ask God to help you!! I do believe, help my unbelief ...
  - One word of encouragement from the Great Commission!
    - Matthew 28: **16**Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. **17**And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. **18**And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20**teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
  - Turn to God and repent... say to God... I do believe, help my UNBELIEF!
- those that WANT JESUS -
  - You too are a miracle! God is pleased with you
  - Your want of Jesus is a gift from God! Fan into flame that gift of God - through praying one to another...
  - Rejoice and repent and keep repenting to Jesus!

The gospel isn't just for the A-B of the Christian life, it's the A-Z. You see that right here in the text. What does the gospel do?

1. They heard it! IT came to them/ they understood the gospel... WHAT SPECIFICALLY - 'the grace of God in truth.' V6b
2. Fruit was born through hearing about the centrality of King Jesus! His rule and reign / their sinfulness...
3. AND increasing...

4. This is on REPEAT