

“Praying to Know God Better”  
Ephesians 1:15-17

1. Giving thanks connects praise and prayer
  - a. Paul’s 202-word reason for giving thanks
  - b. “Thank you” is a grace note Jesus subtly taught
  - c. The continual cycle of prayer, praise, & thanksgiving
  
2. Prayer is the proper inclination of the heart
  - a. Paul practiced what he preached about prayer
  - b. 7 ~~days, hours,~~ *minutes* without God makes one weak
  - c. Biographies of influential Christians highlight prayer
  
3. Knowing God better is the highest aim in life
  - a. Tops the list of what Paul strove for and prayed for
  - b. Knowing God and Christ is the definition of eternal life
  - c. Knowing God is a gift of the Holy Spirit