

I. **Opening Scriptures**

A. **Col 1:9-12 NKJV** “For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.”

1. **Paul’s prayers for the church is always regarding elevation**

2. **Elevation** – the action of being elevation – advancement,  
*The highest stage of development – the highest degree attainable.*

II. **God’s Elevation Plan**

A. **God never leaves us alone!**

1. He is always about elevation – taking us upward, higher, to a greater degree of His presence working in our life.

2. **1 Cor 6:14 NKJV** “And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. *God is always RAISING US UP!*”

3. **Elevation is His plan**

*Resurrection power in us should be raising us up, elevating us to new heights.*

4. If you are looking to Jesus as savior, but there is NO ELEVATION, it could be that you have a *FORM OF GODLINESS*, but denying the power the right to *elevate your life.*

5. If you are not progressing and elevating:

*You are not following*

*You are not flowing*

*You are being hindered, limited, plundered, cheated*

B. **God’s progression**

1. **From Glory to Glory**

• **2 Cor 3:18 NKJV** “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord”

2. **30, 60, 100 fold**

- **Mark 4:20 NKJV** “And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.”

### 3. The harvest progression

- **Mark 4:26-28 KJV** “And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear”
- **Notice the PROGRESSION** – *The process of moving forward – moving gradually toward a more advanced state*
- **God’s progression/Elevation should always be occurring in our life.** *If it isn’t, there is an issue!*

## III. Walk worthy of Him

A. **Col 1:9-10 NKJV** “For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; **that you may walk worthy of the Lord**, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God”

1. **Paul’s prayer was included that they would walk worthy, be fully pleasing, be fruitful in every good work and continue to increase in knowledge.**
2. **What is walking worthy?**
  - a. **Eph 4:1 NKJV** “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called”
  - b. **1 Thes 2:12 NKJV** “that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.”
  - c. **2 Thes 1:5b** “that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer”
  - d. **Being found worthy was a big issue for the Apostle Paul.**
3. **Paul’s breakdown of walking worthy**
  - a. **“That you would walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him.**
    - Walking worthy is a life/lifestyle that is fully pleasing to Him
  - b. **“Being fruitful in every good work”.**
    - My life should be bearing fruit – fruit in every good work.
    - *Whatever the GOOD WORKS are – I should be bearing fruit in them.*

- Fruit of the Spirit – Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, goodness, faithfulness, self control, gentleness
4. **To live worthy of the calling is to exemplify FULLY RECEIVING the Gift that has been given to us.**
    - a. **Salvation is a gift – a gift package**
    - b. **Eph 4:7 NKJV** “But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.”
    - c. **To walk worthy of the calling is to walk worthy of the gift.**
      - It is to take FULL ADVANTAGE and make FULL USE OF the gift that has been given to us.
      - It is to allow the GIVER of the GIFT to SEE the full benefit of the gift at WORK – being used – in our daily life.
      - **Example: Gifts you didn’t appreciate.**
      - **How do you feel when you give someone a gift, but never see that person use/wear the gift?**
    - d. **1 Cor 1:4-8 NKJV** “I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, *that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ*”
      - **Come short in NO GIFT**
      - **Other translations**
        - **So that you are not lacking in any gift**
        - **You are not missing out on any blessings**
        - **GNT** – That you have not failed to receive a single blessing as you wait for the Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.
        - **Weymouth** – so there is no gift of God in which you consciously come short
        - **Greek** – to fail to become a partaker.
  5. **To come short of the gift is – to not walk worthy of the gift.**  
*If you do not use it! If you do not take advantage of it. If you do not appreciate it or value it enough to put it to use in your life.*
  6. **We do not walk worthy of the gift of Salvation when we do not take FULL advantage of it.**
    - **Healing, blessings, peace, deliverance, freedom, transformation.**

**B. The greatest exemplification of *Walking Worthy of the Gift* is for God to see the Transforming power of the gift at work in our lives. - ELEVATION**

1. **God desires to see ELEVATION- TRANSFORMATION – PROGRESSION - *It is all available in His gift to us - I only live worthy of it – as I allow the gift to TRANSFORM my life.***
2. **ELEVATE – *Get in the progression - God’s progression***
  - a. If you are at one level of glory – move on to the next
  - b. If you are at 30 fold level – move to 60
  - c. If you are at blade level - get on to the ear level.
  - d. Get in the progression!
  - e. Go forward, go higher, go further – do not settle
  - f. God has made a FULL SUPPLY available
  - g. Do not be plundered or taken advantage of.
3. **Evidence of living worthy of the gift - *There will be evidence***
  - a. **Transformation - *Your life begins to transform into the new creation God has performed.***
  - b. **Thoughts, mindsets, actions, and reactions.**
    - **Thoughts begin to align with His way of thinking**
    - **Mindsets – *established set of attitudes -attitudes change***
    - **Actions – what we do – how we do it.**
    - **Reactions – our responses to some treatment or situations**

**IV. Closing Thoughts**

- A. **How has your life changed since you received Christ?**
- B. **Has there been any change?**
- C. **Has your thoughts, mindsets/attitudes, actions, and reactions changed?**
- D. **Are you walking WORTHY of the call/gift? If God examines your life, does He see the GIFT of salvation at work?**