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Colossians is a letter from the Apostle Paul and his disciple Timothy to the church located at Colosse (*modern Turkey*). It was also directed that this letter be read to and from the nearby church of Laodicea (Rev. 3:14-22). Paul opened last week being grateful for the faith, hope, and love this church possessed and the **internal** growth that was taking place in them. Today, Paul expresses his desire for them to grow to know and do God's will \_\_\_\_\_ so they can walk worthy of the Lord and please Him (1 Thess. 4:1).

## KNOWING GOD'S WILL AND PLEASING HIM – Colossians 1:9-11

### 1. Knowing God's Will – v. 9; 4:12

- God's will can be learned, applied, and truly \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 9; Pr. 4:1-7; Eph. 1:9; Rom. 12:1-2.
- God's will is generally the \_\_\_\_\_ for every person – Rom. 8:29-30; Jn. 17:20-24.
- Seven specific things God wills (*desires*) for each follower of Jesus Christ:

*That I would be \_\_\_\_\_ when necessary* (2 Pet. 3:9) =

*That I would be \_\_\_\_\_ for God* (1 Thess. 4:3-4) =

*That I would not waste \_\_\_\_\_* (Eph. 5:15-17) =

*That I would obey \_\_\_\_\_ in my life* (1 Pet. 2:13-15) =

*That I would be \_\_\_\_\_* (1 Thess. 5:18) =

*That I would do things with pure \_\_\_\_\_* (Eph. 6:5-8) =

*That my thinking would not be this \_\_\_\_\_ thinking* (Rom. 12:2) =

### 2. Living to Please Him – v. 10-11

- We were created and born again to do God's will and \_\_\_\_\_ Him – v. 10a; Php. 2:13; Rev. 4:11.
- Seeking to please God by doing His will brings \_\_\_\_\_ fruitfulness to our work in life and increases our knowledge and understanding of Him – v. 10b; Php. 3:9-10.
- God \_\_\_\_\_ our strength according to His might so we can do His will – v. 11; Matt. 11:29-30.