

## **“The Priorities For 2011” Colossians 1:9-14**

**The Prayer Petitions of Paul would make a Great List of Priorities For The Priorities of 2011.**

**Difficult to determine what is the main thing that Paul is praying for! He prays for Knowledge which produces the Conduct within the church.**

**We will look at 6 Priorities for 2011:**

### **1. Verse 9 – Knowledge Of His Will:**

Col 1:9

“For this reason also,” – Colossians 1:6-8

Paul models prayer and its importance! There are 4 things that he says about it.

1. There Was Urgency In Prayer – “since the day we heard of it,”
2. There Was Consistency In Prayer – “we have not ceased to pray for you”
3. There Was Unity In Prayer – “since the day we heard of it,”
4. There Was Intensity In Prayer – “and to ask”; This was not lip service, his heart was touched.

“you may be filled” – “filled full”; The word carries the idea of “being fully equipped”; It was used to describe “a ship that was ready for a voyage”

Col. 2:10

New Testament, the word filled means to be “controlled by.” To be “filled with the Spirit” (Eph. 5:18) means to be “controlled by the Spirit.”

Knowledge – “an overflowing knowledge”, “recognition, full discernment”

“spiritual wisdom” – “hands on of God’s truth, the doing of the right thing”

“and understanding,” – “a mental putting together, intelligence”

“A person with spiritual insight and discernment, that understands how to apply God’s Word to specific situations.”

1. General Will –

2. Specific Will –

"Will of God," it is used 434X

Rom. 12:1-2

1 Pet. 2:15

John 7:17

God leads through...

1. The Word - Psalm 119:105
2. Holy Spirit - Col. 3:15

## **2. Verse 10 – A Balanced Walk:**

Col 1:10

“Walk” – speaks of one’s conduct. It is the lifestyle that he is speaking of.

Col. 2:6

Col. 3:7

Hebrew Thinking – Knowledge and Conduct Went Together.

“Worthy” – means “to weigh the same as” which speaks of balance that what we know about Jesus should be practiced,

1 Cor. 4:20

## **3. Verse 10 – Fruitful Service:**

Col 1:10

“bearing fruit” – “being present and continuous.”

Jesus’ Prescription For Fruitfulness: John 15:4-5

John 15:8

Are we fruitful? Are we seeing an increase of God's blessing in our lives?

#### **4. Verse 10 – Serving Is Knowing:**

Col 1:10

“and increasing in the knowledge of God;” – Paul mentions knowledge again, Why?

Paul saw the connection between Action and Knowledge. That as we Continue in Service we would naturally Grow in Knowledge.

John 7:17

“Delayed obedience is disobedience!”

#### **5. Verse 11 – Circumstances And People:**

Col 1:11

“strengthened” – “to enable, to receive strength.”; “with all power” – It is from this word we get our word “dynamite, dynamic.” He speaks of a continuous and denoting a steady supply.

“for the attaining of all steadfastness” – This speaks of the “enablement for one to hold his position in battle.” “Adverse Circumstances”

“and patience;” – Long-suffering. This word means “self-restraint”. This word speaks of “difficult people”

Prov. 16:32

Prov. 25:28

#### **6. Verses 11-14 – Attitude Of Gratitude:**

Col 1:11-12

What Reasons Do We Have To Give Thanks?

1. Give Thanks Because We Are Saints Of The Light – “Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.”

2 Cor. 4:6

1 Thess. 5:5

Col 1:13

2. Give Thanks Because God Has Delivered Us – “For He delivered us from the domain of darkness,”

1 Pet 2:9

“transferred” – The word was used “to describe a mighty king picking up an entire population and transporting them to another location.”

Col 1:14

3. Give Thanks Because We Are Forgiven of Sin – “in whom we have redemption,(His blood) the forgiveness of sins.”

“in whom we have redemption” – “Rescue by ransom, the freeing of a slave by payment of a ransom price.”

### **Application:**

1. Make Corporate Worship A Priority –
2. Give Full Attention When In A Service –
3. Application –
4. Those Attending For 6 Months Or Longer Should Be Serving –
5. Be Committed To Growth In 2011 – Men’s, Women’s Studies, Singles, Refuge, School of Ministry, Foundations of Faith, Discipleship Class, Missions, Marriage Ministry, Crown Financial.
6. Pray For The Pastors and Wives, Staff, Leadership, Services, Ministries, Preparation time for study, Delivery of the Word.