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**A Study of Colossians**

Prayer matters.

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**Growing Up – Colossians 1:9-14**

## Colossians 1:9-14

“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way:

## Colossians 1:9-14

Bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of His holy people in the kingdom of light.

## Colossians 1:9-14

For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

“And it is my prayer that your love may about more and more, with knowledge and all discernment.” **Philippians 1:9**

“I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.” **Philemon 6**

“I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.” **Ephesians 1:16-17**



The essence of what Paul prays is that their new Christian instinct may become firmly implanted in them. Just as the mother duck wants her brood to be able to work out for themselves how to feed, to avoid danger, and to live wisely in a threatening environment, so Paul longs to see these young Colossian Christians coming to know for themselves what God's will is.

So that...



1. Our lives produce  
good fruit.

- ~ The fruit of the Spirit
- ~ The fruit of Good Works

2. We grow in our  
knowledge of God.

~ Tuned in to the "voice"  
of the Holy Spirit

3. We draw strength  
from God's power.

~ Endurance & Patience

4. We live with a joyful,  
thankful heart.

~ We have so much to be thankful for!

● Qualified

● Great Inheritance

● Rescued

● Forgiven

Paul's deep desire is for us to  
continue to **GROW UP!**

To develop an inner, **SPIRITUAL** sense  
of wisdom and understanding...

Fully aware of the **LIVING GOD** who  
loves us and is shaping our lives.

It is truly **POSSIBLE** to know God's will,  
and please Him in every way.