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January 24, 2024 – Praying the Apostolic Prayers – Erlinda Cruz

Paul’s Prayer in Colossians 1:9-12, Part 3

“...[we] do not cease to pray for you...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... for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father...”

Colossians 1:9-12

Paul cease not to pray for the Colossae church and us today.

The Goal of Understanding God’s Will is to Please Jesus (Colossians 1:10)

Believers are blessed with the miracle of being empowered to please our glorious God. Here, Paul gives several reasons for praying that the saints receive the knowledge of His will.

“...that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

Colossians 1:10

That you may walk worthy of the Lord (1:10): To walk worthy of the Lord is to walk in agreement with His heart and ways.

We are to have a worthy response to God by resisting compromise and embracing God’s ways, thus, to be prepared and in position to walk in the fullness of our calling.

1. In 2 Thessalonians 1:11, Paul prayed that God would count the saints in Thessalonica worthy to walk in the fullness of His calling.
 - a. In other words, he was praying that they be strengthened to walk in mature faithfulness that would put them in the position to walk in their highest calling in this age and the age to come.
 - i. This included the Lord helping them see and gain victory over various unperceived “blind spots” in their life and ministry.
 - b. “We pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power...”
2 Thessalonians 1:11
2. No one is “worthy” to receive forgiveness. It is a free gift because of Jesus’ worthiness.
3. One important way to pursue this is by intentionally and diligently pursuing the anointing to love Jesus with all of our heart—that the First Commandment be in first place in our lives.

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Fully pleasing Him (1:10): We want to respond to Jesus' love and His excellent, kind leadership by doing what pleases Him.

We want to invest our time and resources in a way that He delights in. Eternal rewards are about Jesus expressing how He feels about the way we loved Him in this age.

“Therefore we make it our aim [priority], whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

2 Corinthians 5:9-10

It's all about Jesus! He is about pleasing Father God! The bride of Jesus is about pleasing Jesus to please the Father.

Today is fasting and praying Wednesday so we pray and fast to be fully pleasing to Jesus.

We allow pleasing Him, our reward in eternity.

We all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ.

We may respond to Jesus' love and His excellent and kind leadership