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February 4, 2024 – Praying the Apostolic Prayers – Erlinda Cruz

For Benefits and Results of Walking Worthy of the Lord

Paul requested four specific benefits when asking God to strengthen them to walk worthy.

“We pray always... 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, that the name of our Lord Jesus... may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of God.”

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

1. **Fulfill all the good pleasure:** Our vision is to walk in the fullness of all that God has ordained. It is God’s pleasure to use His people as vessels to release His kingdom power. He is not reluctant; thus, we contend with confidence for the full release of His purposes—individually and corporately. Even after David stumbled, he rose and fulfilled “all” of God’s will for his life (Acts 13:22).
 - a. “Do not fear... for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”
Luke 12:32
2. **Work of faith with power:** He releases His power in response to our “partnership of faith” in connecting with His heart and contending for the fullness of His purposes. The measure of our partnership with Jesus is affected directly by the measure of our responsiveness to His leadership.
 - a. “I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has laid hold of me.”
Philippians 3:12
3. **Jesus may be glorified in you:** God desires to put Jesus’ glory on display through the dedicated lives of His weak people so that Jesus may receive the glory due His name. God promised to release a greater measure of the Spirit’s activity (Joel 2:28) as we turn to Him with all our heart (Joel 2:12).
 - a. “‘Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.’ So rend your heart... for He is gracious... and of great kindness... ‘And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh.’”
Joel 2:12-13, 28
4. **That you are glorified in Him:** Believers are glorified in Christ in two ways.
 - 1) First, in this age, we experience His glory that enables us to walk in Christlikeness.
 - a. “We all... beholding... the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”
2 Corinthians 3:18

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- b. “We know that all things work together for good...to those who are the called according to His purpose... to be conformed to the image of His Son...”
Romans 8:28-29
- 2) The manifest presence of God’s glory increases on our lives in in times of persecution.
 - a. “If you are reproached for the name of Christ... the Spirit of glory... rests upon you.”
1 Peter 4:14
- 3) Second, in the age to come, we will live in a city—New Jerusalem— that is filled with glory.

If we don’t have something to die for, then we don’t have anything to live for. The resolve to love and serve God with all of our heart is essential to our emotional well-being. Many seek in vain to enjoy contentment without seeking to be fully committed to His leadership.

Thank you Jesus for being counted worthy because of Your leadership and Your finished work on the cross! Amen.