



A "FATHER'S" PRAYER

Col 1:7-12



Colossians 1:

7 just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf, 8 and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit. 9 For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and



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increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

PRAY AND ASK

- So much of our lives need prayer!
 - “we have not ceased...”
- If God has done it all, why do we need prayer?
 - So that our hearts will stay open!!!
 - So that our ears will hear!!!
 - So that our feet will follow!!!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Filled

- Knowledge of His will – intentions
- Spiritual Wisdom
- Spiritual Understanding “flowing together”
- The right source yields the right result...



1 Corinthians 2:

- 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, 13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

PRAYER RESULTS

- There is a very specific outcome:
 - “Walk worthy”
 - Of the Lord
 - “The end of all knowledge is conduct” Lightfoot
 - Pleasing – matter of the heart! Desire to do so...
 - This is part of a ‘faith’ relationship
 - Bearing fruit – a function of being attached!

PRAYERS INCREASE

- When we are responding:
 - We grow in knowledge – experience!
 - We are made strong with power
 - HIS glorious might
- For what?
 - Steadfast – endurance, continue
 - Patient – perseverance, longsuffering
 - Joyful Thanks – grateful

FATHER'S WORK

- He qualifies us!
 - Not our ability or activity
 - It is God's work of grace we walk in!
- Shares the inheritance...
 - Saints of light...
 - More than "stuff" – His presence!!

A field of dandelions with some seeds blowing away against a cloudy sky. The scene is captured in a golden, warm light, likely during sunrise or sunset. The dandelions are in various stages of seed dispersal, with some seeds already in the air. The background shows a line of dark evergreen trees under a heavy, overcast sky.

**Walk in a manner
worthy of the Lord,
fully pleasing to Him,
BEARING FRUIT
in every good work
and increasing in the
knowledge of God.**

COLOSSIANS 1:10