

Lessons from Paul's Prayers

Scripture: Colossians 1:9-11

Introduction

Paul's prayers are pregnant with poignant petition. In them he models his spiritual and life's goals. Here are some lessons for Christians taught by Paul's prayers.

I. Be filled with the knowledge of his will

- A. Two qualities needed to face life's dilemmas
 - 1. Wisdom
 - 2. Spiritual understanding
- B. Examples:
 - 1. Wisdom
 - a. Joseph - Genesis 41
 - b. Solomon
 - 2. Spiritual understanding
 - a. James - Acts 15

II. Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Philippians 1:27 NIV

- A. Let God be glorified in your life
- B. Do nothing to bring shame to:
 - 1. Jesus Christ
 - 2. His church
 - 3. Others in the body

III. Being fruitful in every good work

- A. Be productive for the kingdom

IV. Increasing in the knowledge of God

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Matthew 5:6

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

- A.

V. Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

- A.

VI. Unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness

- A.