

4. What does Paul pray that they will be filled with?

5. Paul says we are to pray to be filled with a knowledge of God's will. How do we know what God's will is?
 - a. There are two aspects of God's will: His secretive will and His revealed will. How do you define these?

6. Is there one blueprint to the will of God that we must find and if we don't, we miss out on His will for our lives?

Heart-Check

- Are you unceasingly praying for others?

- Does the element of Paul's prayer fill your prayers for others? How can you use this prayer as a guideline for your prayers?

- How does knowing there isn't an exact blueprint that we must get right in our life or we're out of the will of God free us to live more fully and joyfully for Him?

Day 2 Verse 9, Part 2

For this reason also, since the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, -- Colossians 1:9

1. According to these verses, what is the will of God for believers?
 - a. Proverbs 3:5-6

 - b. Micah 6:8

 - c. Luke 9:23

 - d. Romans 12:2

 - e. 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9

 - f. Ephesians 5:17-18

g. 1 Thessalonians 4 :3

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i. 1 Peter 2:13-15

j. 1 Peter 4:19

2. According to 1 John 2:17 how important is doing the will of God?

3. Our culture today is very feelings oriented. Why do you think Paul is more concerned with what they know, rather than how they feel?

- a. Is the way we feel irrelevant? Why or why not? Use Scripture to support your answer.

4. Define spiritual wisdom and understanding.
 - a. What is the source of all spiritual wisdom and understanding?

5. What is the difference between wisdom and understanding? Why do we need both?

6. How does Proverbs 3:5-8 add to your understanding of Godly wisdom?

Day 3 Verse 10

so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and multiplying in the full knowledge of God;
--Colossians 1:10

1. According to verse 10, what are the purposes of “be(ing) filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding?
2. What does it mean to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord?
3. What does it look like to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord?
4. What does it mean to please Him in all respects?

5. From the following verses, how are we to walk worthy?
 - a. Romans 12:11-14

 - b. 1 Corinthians 7:17

 - c. 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12

 - d. Ephesians 4:1-3

 - e. Ephesians 4:17-32

 - f. Ephesians 5:1-2, 8, 15-16

 - g. 1 John 1:3

6. Go over Lesson 2 Day 4, questions 3 and 4 to be refreshed as to the importance of bearing fruit. Is there anything that stood out to you?

- c. Hosea 4:6

 - d. 1 Corinthians 14:20

 - e. Ephesians 4:13-14
5. Can a person have too much knowledge? Is there a danger to having too much knowledge but a lack of wisdom and understanding?
6. What is the chief end of our knowledge? See Jeremiah 9:23-24.

Heart-check

- Have you made the pursuit of knowledge, wisdom, and understanding a priority in your life?
- Is there anything in your life you pursue with a greater zeal than these?
- Are there any areas of your life that are not worthy of the One who died to save you? What must you do to change?

Day 5 Verse 11

being strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously --Colossians 1:11

1. What kind of power is Paul talking about here? Is this a one-time gift, or an ongoing one?
2. How is this power given to believers?
3. What does the strength that God gives us enable us to do?
4. Define steadfastness (*hupomonē*).
5. Define patience (*makrothumia*).

6. What does attaining all steadfastness and patience help us to do?
7. Although in most translations the word *joyously* is attached to the giving of thanks in verse 12, it actually fits better with verse 11 and the attaining of all steadfastness and patience. Does that shift change how you understand this verse?

Heart-check

- Do you often feel like you lack power in your Christian life? From our lesson what could be causing this?
- How can dwelling on the power of God be a great comfort to you?
- How well do you know the power of God?

Dig Deeper:

Read a systematic theology (we recommend *Biblical Doctrine*). What does it tell you about God's Omnipotence?

Read through the book of Proverbs. What does it say about knowledge?