

GUARDRAILS
A Persistent Proper Prayer Perspective
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Key Verses of the Day

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:9-14 NIV

Key Thought of the Day

A persistent proper prayer perspective always seeks for _____ to be done.

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Prayer Ought To...

1. Be _____.

We continually ask God...

Prayer Ought To...

2. Express the desire to _____ God's will.

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will...

Grab This!

The proper perspective of prayer is _____ for God's will to be done in our lives.

Prayer Ought To...

3. Involve a _____ upon the Holy Spirit.

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives...

Don't Miss This!

Paul is praying that they will be able to _____ all of the great truths of the Christian faith, and that they may have the ability to _____ those truths to everyday life.

Why is this Paul's prayer for the Colossae Church?

...so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way... Colossians 1:10a NIV

Living Worthy of the Lord and Pleasing Him Means...

- We _____ in good works.

... bearing fruit in every good work... Colossians 1:10b NIV

Living Worthy of the Lord and Pleasing Him Means...

- Actively and continually _____ in the knowledge of God.

...growing in the knowledge of God... Colossians 1:10c NIV

Living Worthy of the Lord and Pleasing Him Means...

- We rely on the work of the Holy Spirit to develop _____ and _____ in our faith.

...being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience... Colossians 1:11 NIV

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him... Romans 8:28 NIV

Living Worthy of the Lord and Pleasing Him Means...

- Expressing joyful thanksgiving of being _____ for Heaven.

...and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. Colossians 1:12 NIV

The Bottom Line

As you pray to discover God's will and for the power to act accordingly, always remember that you have been _____ from the kingdom of darkness and have been brought in the Kingdom of the Son.

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:13-14 NIV

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." Matthew 26:26-29 NIV

The Challenge

Are you in God's will?