

1. The Prayer

A. Reasons for his prayers

B. Content of his prayers

- i. That they would be given knowledge
 - 1. Specifically in the will of God
 - 2. With spiritual wisdom and understanding
 - 3. That they would not just attain this knowledge but be filled

2. The Purpose

A. To walk in a worthy manner

- i. Worthy of Christ
- ii. Fully pleasing to Him!

B. Defining the worthy walk

- i. Bearing fruit
- ii. Increasing in knowledge
- iii. Being strengthened with all power
- iv. Giving thanks

3. The Promise

A. We are reminded of our inheritance and its source

B. This gives us reasons to pray this prayer ourselves

C. This reminds us what's important

Questions for discussion and application

1. What are the different types of knowledge listed in this pericope? Why is this distinction important?
2. Is there a danger of knowledge without action? If so, what is it?
3. Why was it important that the Colossian Christians have “spiritual” wisdom and understanding?
4. Why is it important that the verb “being strengthened” is passive (i.e. the action is done to us)?
5. Why should our learning lead to living?