

It's No Secret to live on Fire for Christ!

How to pray for Christians to Mature
Colossians 1:9-12a

Introduction:

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 may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and 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

1-PRAY

2-FILLED, our Daily Duty 9

3-WALK, our Lifestyle 10a

RESULTS

1-Bear Fruit 10b

2-Increasing Intimacy 10c

3-Strengthened in Power 11

4-Giving Thanks 12a

Step #1 – Continually ask God in prayer

9 For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask

John 14:14 *If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.*

1Thessalonians 5:17 *pray without ceasing*

Philippians 4:6 *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God*

Step #2 – Be filled: The daily duty of allowing the Scripture to dominate your thinking

9 to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

1st – Daily _____ on God Totally
Be filled

John 15:5 *apart from me you can do nothing*

2nd – Occupy your _____ Fully
be filled with the knowledge

Filled with the Spirit – Ephesians 5:18
Filled up to all the fullness of God – Ephesians 3:19
Filled with comfort - 2 Corinthians 7:4
The Apostles Filled Jerusalem with their teaching - Acts 5:28
The House was Filled with the fragrance of perfume - John 12:3

3rd – Know God’s _____ Completely
knowledge of His will

4th – _____ with God Intimately
of His will

5th – _____ Life Accurately
in all spiritual wisdom.

1 – Your thinking must be in harmony with God’s Word
2 – Your thinking must be in harmony with God’s Wisdom
James 3:17 *the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.*

6th – Put the Word to Use, _____
and understanding

Hosea 4:6 *my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children.*

How to apply step 2?

1-Pray for growth

2-Be Filled Daily

3-Expect God to Speak

4-Chew on Sermons

5-Discuss Truth with others

Step #3 Walk Worthy:

Develop the habits of a God-pleasing lifestyle

10 a so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects

1st – You’ll develop a life Routine of Godly _____

walk by faith 2 Corinthians 5:7
walk in good works Ephesians 2:10
walk in love Ephesians 5:2
walk in Christ Colossians 2:6
walk according to His commandments Colossians 2:6
walk in the Spirit Galatians 5:16

2nd – You’ll grow into a _____ which honors Christ *walk in a manner worthy of the Lord*

to walk worthy of our calling Ephesians 4:1;
walk worthy of the gospel Philippians 1:27,
to walk in a manner worthy of God 3 John 11:6
worthy of death Acts 26:31
worthy to open the book Revelation 5:2

1 John 2:6 *the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.*
Galatians 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.*

3rd – You’ll make _____ in every area that please God *walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects,*

Ephesians 5:18 be **filled** with the Spirit
Galatians 5:16 **walk** in the Spirit

Result #1 – You’ll produce _____ in all your efforts to do good for God

10 bearing fruit in every good work

Psalm 1:3 *And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

If you lack fruit

- (1)-Verse 9 Not filling your mind daily with the Word
- (2)-Verse 10 Not working

Result #2 – You’ll deepen in _____ with God *10 increasing in the knowledge of God*

Job 42:5-6 *My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have Seen you.*
Philippians 3:10 *I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection*

Result #3-You'll be empowered by God's _____

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

What if we lack power?

(1)-vs. 9 not saturated daily with God's truth

(2)-vs. 10 not serving for God's glory

Test #1 – The test of enduring under difficult circumstances

Test #2 – The test of dealing with difficult people

Test #3 – The test of a continual heart of joy

Result #4-You'll be continually _____ God

12 giving thanks to the Father

Conclusion:

1st-Evaluate your _____

2nd-Demonstrate your _____ to Mature

3rd-Live _____ upon the Lord