

Daily Devotional, February 4, 2021

“Fully Pleasing Him”, (Colossians 1:9-10, NKJV)

“For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding ; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.” (Colossians 1:9-10)

The Apostle Paul dedicated himself to prayer for the infant church, and in the more personal sense, for the infant believers. These new Christians were in need of divinely given knowledge, wisdom, and spiritual understanding. Prayer is the first practical service, but other active steps must accompany prayer. *“For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment”* (Cf. Hebrews 5:12-6:2). Paul effected progression to Christian maturity in those willing to be disciples by power of prayer, power of the pen, personal discipleship of church leaders, and seeking to create a culture conducive to spiritual knowledge, wisdom, and understanding. Let us apply. The superficial church of today with its worldly entertainment and program driven model, teaching to the ‘least common denominator’, spirit of compromise, and acceptance of sin, will never achieve this.

Outward spiritual fruitfulness will be the inevitable result of inward spiritual renewal. A consistent walk with one’s Christian profession is a necessary thing for one to grow in the faith. You must *“walk worthy of the calling with which you were called”* (Ephesians 4:1). Spiritual learning must be applied. The knowledge of true doctrine cannot be divorced from Christian life application. The goal of the Christian is *“fully pleasing Him”*, and not man. Actions should be evaluated based upon whether they meet this higher objective. So I ask you, where are you with regard to inward consecration to God and outward spiritual fruitfulness for Christ? Does your walk match your talk? And if you are in a position to disciple anyone else, either in your church or in your family or otherwise, are you teaching and insisting upon balanced and healthy consistent Christian growth and progression of faith?