

FOCUS: Empowered by Christ

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A Prayer Worth Praying

Scripture: Colossians 1:9-14 (NLT)

What does Paul's prayer teach us about God's goals for believers?

- 1) God wants us to **know** His **desires**. (v. 9)
- 2) God wants our **life** to **count**. (v. 10)
- 3) God wants us to **change** our **appetites**. (v. 10b)
- 4) God wants us to **get stubborn** about **doing right**. (v. 11)
- 5) God wants us to get our **smile back on**. (vv. 11b-12)

NOTES:

HOMEGROUP & PERSONAL STUDY QUESTIONS

Scripture: Colossians 1:9-14 (NLT)

1. Pastor Bill shared a key principle with us; “God gave us life and then exposed our goal for living. We must learn a practical love for Him that works its way into our daily life choices.” What are your thoughts about this goal for living? In what way is love working its way into your daily life choices? Please share real examples.
2. “God wants us to know his desires” (Colossians 1:9). How do you know God’s desires and will for your life? How do you distinguish God’s desires from your own?
3. What do you think Pastor Bill intended when he restated Colossians 1:10, saying, “God wants your life to count...”?
4. We heard that “God wants us to be stubborn about doing right.” (Colossians 1:11). Please describe a scenario where you might be stubborn about doing right?
5. The Apostle Paul concludes his prayer saying, “He (God/Jesus) has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.” Please share what this means to you. What implications does “being transferred into the Kingdom of his dear Son” have in your daily life?