



***“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,
so that you will 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;
strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might,
for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience;
joyously giving thanks to the Father,
who has qualified us to share in the inheritance
of the saints in Light.
(Colossians 1:9-12 nasb)***

This was a prayer I have prayed for my children since they were small. It's still a valid prayer today, not only for them, but for you as well, and so today, my prayer is this for you. There is so much involved in these few verses. For different personalities, different things will pop out as you read them. Knowledge of His will. Spiritual wisdom. Understanding. Walk worthy. Please Him. Bear fruit. Strengthened. Steadfastness. Patience. Joy. Giving thanks. A whole list of things to “do”. But as I read this list in these verses I am struck by not just the list but by the “quantity” and “quality” of each one.

Read the verses again. Notice the qualitative words for each of the things desired: His will, not ours. ALL spiritual wisdom, ALL understanding. Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord Himself, in a way that pleases HIM, not ourselves, in ALL respects, not just the ones we want to. Bearing fruit in EVERY good work. INCREASING in the knowledge of God.

“All’s” and “every’s” can seem daunting, and downright impossible, but don't miss the next part of the verse, “strengthened with all power according to His glorious might...” I'm so grateful today that He doesn't ever give us a list to do that He doesn't also give us the strength and power to accomplish. You've heard it said, “if He calls you to it, He'll bring you through it,”

With God there is nothing that is impossible. He strengthens us with ALL power. With HIS glorious might. So as we face our day, as we face each situation, what we can know is that God is with us, and will provide more than we need. You get that right? He provides HIS strength (and He is omnipotent), HIS power according to His glorious might (glorious indeed, there's nothing more powerful!)

The goal then should be to know Him more. Anything that we face will either be a distraction from knowing Him more, or will lead us to know Him better, that choice is in how we respond to each of them. If we don't know how to handle a situation, He does. Take time to know Him more. Be in His word, study it, study Him. You will find that in Him you are able to do much more than you ever thought you could when it's according to His power and strength. Walk in a manner worthy of His praise today, and may God bless you as you seek to know Him more.

Father, may we filled with the knowledge of Your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that we may walk in a manner worthy of the sacrifice of Christ Jesus. Oh Lord, You alone can help us to live in a way that pleases You, help us with the "all's" and "every's". Thank You for providing Your Spirit, and for Jesus, in whose name we are able to come.