

## **Bravemen**

### **Colossians 1:9-12 Prayer**

“We have not ceased to pray for \_\_\_\_\_, asking that \_\_\_\_\_ may ...  
... **be filled with the knowledge of His will** in all spiritual wisdom and understanding; (1)  
... **walk in a manner worthy of the Lord** (2), fully pleasing to Him (3);  
... **bear fruit in every good work**; (4)  
... **increase in the knowledge of God**; (5)  
... **be strengthened with all power**, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; (6)  
... **give thanks to the Father**, who has qualified \_\_\_\_\_ to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.”(7)

1. “... the knowledge of His will with all spiritual wisdom and understanding (*running together*)”
  - a. “... the things freely given us by God ... we impart ... in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.” 1 Corinthians 2:12-14.
2. “... walk in a manner worthy of the Lord”
  - a. *Aksiōs* = worthy = “matches the value of the thing”. *Aksiōs* is the root of the English term, “axis.”
3. “... fully pleasing to Him.”
  - a. “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased ...” **Matthew 17:5.**
4. “... bear fruit in every good work.”
  - a. “Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit; let the earth cause them both to sprout; I the LORD have created it.” **Isaiah 45:8**
  - b. “... unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” **John 12:24. See also John 15:2.**
  - c. “I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides (*meno*) in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” **John 15:5**
5. “... Increase in the knowledge of God.”
  - a. Increase = *grow, enlarge*.
  - b. “I want to know Christ, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of sharing in his suffering, becoming like Him in his death ...” **Philippians 3:10, 11.**
6. “...strengthened with all power ... for all endurance and patience with joy ...”
  - a. *Endurance* = *hypomonē* = *under-remain (meno)*. “The one who endures to the end will be saved.” **Matthew 24:13.**
  - b. Patience = *makrothumia* = long-suffering, long passion.
  - c. “Surprised by Joy” by C. S. Lewis.
7. “... give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.”
  - a. “Do not rejoice ... that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” **Luke 10:20**