

November 5, 2017
Colossians 1:9-10

Paul's Intercessory Prayer

How do we pray?

Do we pray for what we want?

Do we pray primarily for physical needs?

Do we pray only when things are going poorly?

What would happen if God answered all our prayers in the affirmative! We might have a congregation or society that was very healthy physically, but was spiritually anemic!

(James 4:2-4)

REGULAR, URGENT PRAYER v. 9a

PAUL'S REQUEST v. 9b

(James 3:13-18)

PURPOSE OF PAUL'S REQUEST v. 10

(2 Corinthians 5:15)

Paul's Prayers:

- **Romans 1:8-10**
- **Ephesians 1:15-23**
- **Ephesians 3:14-21**
- **Ephesians 6:18-20**
- **Philippians 1:9-11**
- **Colossians 1:3-14**
- **1 Thessalonians 1:2-5**
- **1 Thessalonians 2:13**
- **2 Thessalonians 1:11-12**
- **2 Thessalonians 3:1-5**
- **Philemon 6**

Questions for Discussion

1. Why is it so much easier to pray for what we want? Why do we pray so much easier for physical needs than for spiritual growth?
2. Why do you think we separate knowledge from practice? (Why are we so quick to learn about God and so slow to change our lives because of it?)
3. How can we be filled with the knowledge of God's will every day? Why do we read God's word so seldom and entertain ourselves so much?
4. When we consider that Paul prayed that the Colossians would live lives worthy of the Lord, how important is it for us to allow our belief to influence our behavior?
5. What comfort is it that *all* wisdom and understanding are given by the Holy Spirit?
6. How is information or knowledge different from wisdom or application? Why do we have so much information and so little wise living?
7. What do you do (or what can you do) to please the Lord in everything?