

Powerful Prayer

Recent weeks--

- Keys to our walk – prayer and fasting
- His Word

More statistics...

A survey of 1,015 US adults in June:

88% identify as current or past Christians

82% pray

- 62% for family or community or thanksgiving
- 49% crisis related
- 34% for government
- 24% for global injustice
- 20% recited
- 90% to God
- 50% to Jesus
- 23% to the Holy Spirit
- 5% to saints

Our text- **Colossians 1:9-14**

- City of Colosse was about 100mi east of Ephesus. Once a large city now a small merchant town.
- Letter from Paul likely from a Roman prison around 60AD
- Doctrinal issues between Gnosticism and Judaism.

Today– **5 Keys to Powerful Prayer**

1. Non-ceasing

- V. 9 cease= παύω (pauó)= stop, quit
- 1 Thes. 5:17
- Rom. 12:12

Are you praying without ceasing?

2. So we can be filled with

- a) knowledge of His will
- b) His wisdom
- c) spiritual understanding
 - V. 9 filled with
 - Jam. 4:2-3

- 1 Jn. 5:14
- Matt. 6

Are you seeking knowledge of His will and wisdom and spiritual understanding?

3. God-honoring results

- V.10
 - a) Walk worthy/ steps reflect Him
 - b) Fully pleasing Him/ compliant to His Will
 - c) Be fruitful/ productive for Him
 - d) Increase in knowledge of God/ growing in knowing Him

Are you and I praying to seek God-honoring results?

4. Incredible results in us!

- V.11 strengthened with His might, patience, longsuffering, and joy!
- Eph. 3:16
- Rom. 12:12
- Neh. 8:10

There are results through us and TO us.

Do we desire to experience incredible results of powerful prayer?

5. Recognize all He has done

- V. 12-14
 - a) Partakers
 - b) Delivered
 - c) Conveyed
 - d) Redeemed
 - e) Forgiven
- Eph. 1:11
- 1 Thes. 5:4
- Matt. 13:43
- Eph. 1:7
- 1 Jn. 1:9

Recognition brings an attitude of thanksgiving!

Does your prayer life bring a place of impact and recognition of all He has done for us?