

**Church:** Go Church Centurion

**Message:** Living A Life Worthy of Christ

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**Anchor Scripture: Colossians 1: 9-14 NKJV**

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Paul had heard about the faith of the Christians in Colosse and their love for the saints but had never been to Colosse. Yet they still prayed for them.

**To Walk Worthy of Christ You Need To:**

**1. Be filled with the knowledge of His will:**

**V9: ...and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will**

**The Amplified Bible: 'that you may be filled with the full (deep and clear) knowledge of His will...'**

**John 5:30. I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.**

We need to know God's will for our Church, our lives, your children, your families, businesses, careers, community, city, nation. Why did he create you? What purpose are you to serve? The fact that you are here on this earth, believe it or not, means that God cannot do without you, he needs you and has chosen to include you in His plan.

**2 Corinthians 1:20. For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.**

**Psalm 89:34. My covenant I will not break, nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.**

His will for you and I is encapsulated in His Word.

Our confidence is anchored on the word of God.

**Deuteronomy 28: 1-14**

**“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. <sup>2</sup> And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God:**

**<sup>3</sup> “Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.**

**<sup>4</sup> “Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.**

**<sup>5</sup> “Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.**

**<sup>6</sup> “Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.**

**<sup>7</sup> “The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.**

**<sup>8</sup> “The Lord will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.**

**<sup>9</sup> “The Lord will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways. <sup>10</sup> Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you. <sup>11</sup> And the Lord will grant you plenty**

of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give you. <sup>12</sup> The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. <sup>13</sup> And the Lord will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them. <sup>14</sup> So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

May every promise of God will find full expression in every area of your life. We cannot live a life worthy of Christ unless we are filled of the knowledge of His will for our lives.

**Question: How else do we fully gain knowledge of will?**

Jesus paid the sacrifice for salvation. Now the benefits of salvation are available to us: eternal life, healing, co-heirs with Christ, life in its fullness, joy and peace in the Holy Spirit and more, we have a reason to wake up to a new day, prosperity.

However, we pay the price for what comes after salvation. We will only fully know His will as we walk closely with him.

**James 4:8 - Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.**

If you want intimacy with Him God will only draw near to you if you first draw near to Him. Price to pay – we set-aside time for him. Less TV, less Tiktok, less sleeping, less eating if fasting.

**Hebrews 11:6 (b) ...and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**

Price to pay...diligently seeking God. Consistency, resilience. Being in the Word, in prayer. If our prayer lives are dead, we will fall into many traps cheaply. If we don't read, meditate on the Word our lives will be dry.

**Psalms 25:14...The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.**

Price to pay – we need to seek His face that we may know the secrets of God.

## **1 Corinthians 4: 1**

**Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.**

There are no shortcuts to anywhere worth going. No price, no gain.

## **2. In all wisdom**

All wisdom – not partial wisdom. Comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God.

## **Job 11:6 (a)**

**That He would show you the secrets of wisdom! For they would double your prudence.**

## **Isaiah 11: 2**

**The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him. The Spirit of wisdom and understanding. The Spirit of counsel and might. The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.**

**Acts 6:10. And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.**

**James 3:17. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.**

**Exodus 31: 1-4. Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship.**

Go has given us wisdom for all aspects of live.

## **To Walk Worthy of Christ You Need To:**

### **3. and spiritual understanding**

**Ephesians 1:18**

**the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.**

“Understanding” here is spiritual insight or judgment. Understanding that is not of man, nor of the flesh. Understanding not based on human philosophies or oh human intellect. But understanding that is from the Holy Spirit, throne-room, mind of Christ, God-breathed. Understanding that is inspired by the Holy Spirit. Understanding that is spiritual and experiential. Therefore, a practical knowledge of divine things. Understanding which proceeds from the spirit of wisdom and revelation.

### **4. That you may walk worthy of the Lord**

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#### **Story**

A young soldier was arrested for desertion and brought before the king, Alexander the Great. Alexander asked the young man, “What is your name?” The young man said his name was Alexander. Filled with anger, Alexander the Great said, “Well, change your name, or change your ways.” Alexander wanted the young man to walk worthy of the name Alexander. Since he shared the king’s name, he needed to share the king’s character.

The things **we do**, the things **we say**, the thoughts **we think**, are they worthy of Christ? Paul's prayer was that they we may live and conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the Lord.

If we were to place a body camera on you and observe what you say or do at work, outside of Church is it reflective of how a Christian should behave is it worthy of Christ. The knowledge of God, His ways, His thoughts and purpose should lead to and result in a changed walk.

### **Romans 8:29**

**<sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.**

God has predestined us to be confirmed to the image of Jesus. That we may conduct ourselves in a manner suitable to his nature and attributes.

### **To Walk Worthy of Christ You Need To be:**

#### **5. fully pleasing Him,**

Not partially. Enoch was a man that scripture says, 'pleased God'. He walked with God. What pleases God? Our faith, dependence and obedience.

### **Hebrews 11: 6**

**<sup>6</sup> But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**

### **Psalm 51:**

**The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart - these, O God, You will not despise.**

**Romans 8:8. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.**

**Proverbs 16:7. When a man's ways please the Lord. He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.**

## **6. being fruitful in every good work**

**James 2:14-18**

<sup>14</sup> What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? <sup>17</sup> Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

**Galatians 6:9.** And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

**1 John 3:17.** But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

We need to show our faith continually by our works, and our love by our obedience.

## **7. and increasing in the knowledge of God**

In other words, steadily growing and increasing in the knowledge of God – with fuller, deeper and clear insight, acquaintance and recognition.

**Ephesians 3:19**

<sup>19</sup> to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Understand your ways, how God thinks, the things that move His heart. The things that hurt Him, the things that bring His presence and glory. His burdens. Practical knowledge of God.

## **8. strengthened with all might according to His glorious power,**

strengthened with all power... the Greek word is 'dunamis' - 'specifically miraculous power'.

**Mark 16:17-18**

**17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”**

We need to do something different if we are want to see more results in our situations. Decide how much you want out of your relationship with God, the choice is yours. Life in Jesus Christ is a life of sacrifice.

**Question: What needs to change in your life now? What needs to give?**

When the sons of Sceva tried to cast out demons the evil spirit challenged them:

**Acts 19:15. And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?”**

**Questions:** What is it about your life that challenges or scares the devil away? Is there something about your life that when the devil looks at you, He will say, eish I really don't want to mess with this one? What is it about your life that the devil cannot deny or cannot fight?

The degree of your closeness to God will determine the level of power, anointing in your life.

**9. for all patience and longsuffering with joy;**

His strength is there to help us meet all of life's challenges, and to endure and overcome problems with circumstances (patience) and people (longsuffering) with joy. There is a great need for the steadfastness mentioned here: This word means 'hopeful or cheerful endurance, enduring, and patient continuance.

**10. 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and [ ] conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption [ ] through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.**

It is the Father who qualifies us, not our own works. We gain this as an inheritance, instead of earning it as a wage. Christians have been delivered from Satan's domain. The word has the idea of a rescue by a sovereign power. Approach God from a place of intimacy with Him and not just need.



## **Conclusion – Prayer**

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