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Colossians 1:10-14

Paul fervently desired that the body of Christ—individually and corporately—become spiritually mature. Knowing the Lord had planned for such growth to impact the world, the apostle asked that believers would know God's will and then ...

Live a godly life (Col. 1:10). Paul prayed for our character, conversation, and conduct to be consistent with the Lord's. Christians are Jesus' representatives, so our lives ought to be an extension of His—with eyes that look compassionately at others, hearts that offer forgiveness and love, and hands that are engaged in service. A believer's character, while imperfect, should increasingly reflect Christ's righteousness.

Make our life count (v. 10). In God's eyes, not everything we do is fruitful—much of our activity stems from a desire to please self or others. All that truly matters is what's done in obedience to our Father. Jesus spoke about the importance of bearing much fruit, which is possible only when we stay connected with Him (John 15:5).

Experience God's power (Col. 1:11). Through the Holy Spirit's presence, we have all we need for carrying out our Father's will.

Remain committed and grateful (Col. 1:12). God answers according to His perfect timing. We must be steadfast in prayer and thankful for everything He's done.

Whether we pray these verses for ourselves or for others, we can know that our petitions are in accordance with the Lord's will. And 1 John 5:14-15 tells us praying in this way carries the wonderful assurance that God is going to respond affirmatively.

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