

Praying for Believers to Know the Truth (Colossians 1:9-12)

vv. 9 – Filled with the _____

- *Epignosis* = full, precise and _____ knowledge – of _____ will
- In all spiritual _____ (Prov. 2:6) – Example of Joseph (Gen. 41)
The right _____ that enable us to make right decisions
- In all spiritual _____ (Prov. 2:3 – same as discernment)
Applying wisdom to accomplish _____
Ability to make a _____ between things that appear the same

vv. 10-12 – Walk _____ of the Lord to _____ Him

- _____ fruit – Gal. 5:22-23; Mt. 5:17; Jn. 15:1-8
- _____ in the knowledge of God
- _____ – unto *all* perseverance, _____, with _____
- Giving _____

Take-Away – Application

_____ for believers – for spiritual _____ (1 Jn. 5:14-15)

Mk. 1:32-38 – example of Jesus

Our role in acquiring knowledge, wisdom, and understanding

1. A mind _____ by the _____ of God (Rom. 12:2)
 - A choice to _____ my mind with _____

To prove what the _____ of _____ is (1 Thess. 4:3)
 - A choice to _____ myself (1 Pet. 5:5-6; Phlp. 2:8)
2. _____ of the Lord – _____ of God's presence
_____ (Heb. 4:13; Gal. 6:7; 2 Cor. 5:10)
 - Prov. 1:7 – beginning of _____ (Jn. 7:15-17)
 - Prov. 9:10; Job 28:28 – beginning of _____
3. Yielded to the _____ _____ (Eph. 5:18; Jn. 16:13)
4. _____ for it
 - *E.g.*, _____ (Prov. 2:3-4 → 5-6; 1 Kings 3:9)
 - Pray for _____ (Jas. 1:5)

** Application: Use the _____ of Col. 1:9-12

Discussion Questions: Colossians 1:9-12

1. Try to explain in your own words: a) true knowledge; b) spiritual wisdom; and c) spiritual understanding as presented in v. 9?

How can you relate these three terms to the study of God's Word?

2. Look at the 4 participial phrases in vv. 10-12. Discuss how each one might *please the Lord*.

3. Is it possible for a believer to *displease* the Lord? Explain.

4. What is *one thing* you definitely want to take away with you from today's message?

How do you plan to *follow through* on that *one thing*?