

“Let us know;
let us press on -
to know the Lord.”

Colossians Ch 1:1-12

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.

Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing--as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.
(Col 1:1-12)



❖ Colossae

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The Will of GoD

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a *determination* (properly the thing), that is,
(actively) **choice** (specifically **purpose**, *decree*;
abstractly *volition*)

or

(passively) *inclination*: - **desire**, pleasure, will

Total KJV occurrences: 64

The Will of God **G2307** - Will

Two meanings in bible

1. A sovereign choice or decree –
(counsel of His will) Psl 2.7, Eph 1.11,
3.11, ISH 46.10

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus **by the will of God**, and Timothy our brother,
(Col 1:1)

No one can change it. It is absolute.

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Two meanings in bible

2. Desire or purpose –

... you may be filled with **the knowledge of his will** in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
(Col 1:9)

Gods commands for us to obey.

Scripture urges us to discern the will of god.

Key verses:

(Rom 12:2) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

(Eph 5:17) Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

IT IS THE WILL OF GOD THAT:

1. That all men be saved

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not **wishing** that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

(2Pe 3:9)

IT IS THE WILL OF GOD THAT:

2. Saved souls be controlled by the spirit

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what **the will of the Lord is. ... be filled with the Spirit,**
Eph 5.17-18b

IT IS THE WILL OF GOD THAT:

3. we live a holy life

For this is the will of God,
your sanctification:
(1Th 4:3)

A purposeful and deliberate subjection and obedience to the Spirit in us, to live a life apart from sin in all our daily thoughts and action.

IT IS THE WILL OF GOD THAT:

4. We suffer for His sake, patiently

Therefore let those who suffer **according to God's will** entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.
(1Pe 4:19)

IT IS THE WILL OF GOD THAT:

5. We live honorably

For such is the will of God that by **doing right** you may silence the ignorance of foolish men (NASB).
(1Pe 2:15)

(in subjection to all human authority)

IT IS THE WILL OF GOD THAT:

6. Give thanks in all circumstances

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
(1Th 5:18)

What is wisdom and understanding?

(Deu 4:5) See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

(Deu 4:6) **Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding** in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'

What is wisdom and understanding?

(Job 28:12) "But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding?"

...

(Job 28:28) And he said to man, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.'

Wisdom is the ability to properly and cohesively bring doctrine into our minds

and

Understanding is to put that wisdom into action.

Where is wisdom found?

(Col 2:3) ... in whom(CHRIST) are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

KNOWING THE WILL OF GOD YIELDS RESULTS.
PAUL LISTS A FEW IN VS. 10-12

CONDUCT
FRUITS
GROWTH
STRENGTH
ENDURANCE
THANKS

1. THAT WE MAY **BEHAVE** IN A MANNER
WORTHY OF HIS NAME

V10 ... to walk in a manner worthy ...

TO WALK=LIVE=DAILY LIFE=**CONDUCT**

7 WALKS (CONDUCT OF LIFE) IN EPHESIANS

1. UNBELIEVER – EPH 2.2 – THE WAYS OF THIS WORLD
2. BELIEVER CREATED FOR – EPH 2.8-10 – GOOD WORKS
3. WORTHY OF OUR CALLING - EPH 4.1-3
4. NOT AS UNBELIEVERS WALK – EPH 4.17-19
5. WALK IN CHRISTIAN LOVE – EPH 5.1-2
6. WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT EPH 5.8
7. WALK CAREFULLY/PERFECTLY/CIRCUMSPECTLY -EPH 5.15

2. THAT WE BEAR FRUIT (BEHAVIORAL CHANGES IN OUR LIFE DEPARTING EVIL AND EXHIBITING GOOD WORKS)

V10 ... BEARING FRUIT IN EVERY GOOD WORK ...

IN ALL GOOD WORKS (EPH 2.10)

EXHIBITING CHRISTIAN LOVE

OFFERING PRAISES TO GOD

GIVING TIME/MONEY

CONDUCT OF THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

(love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control)

– GAL 5.22-23

3. That we may grow in knowledge of god

v10 ... increasing in the knowledge of God.

Spiritual growth can only occur with increased intake and understanding of doctrine (knowledge of God and his will)

4. That we may increase in power.

v11 ... be strengthened with all power ...

Power to keep on being a victories steward.

(Eph 3:16) that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

(Eph 3:17) so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith--that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ... be filled with the fullness of god (v19)

5. That we endure trials Joyfully.

v11 ... for all endurance and patience with joy ...

Power to keep on being a steadfast and patient steward of God in all courses of life, especially in suffering.

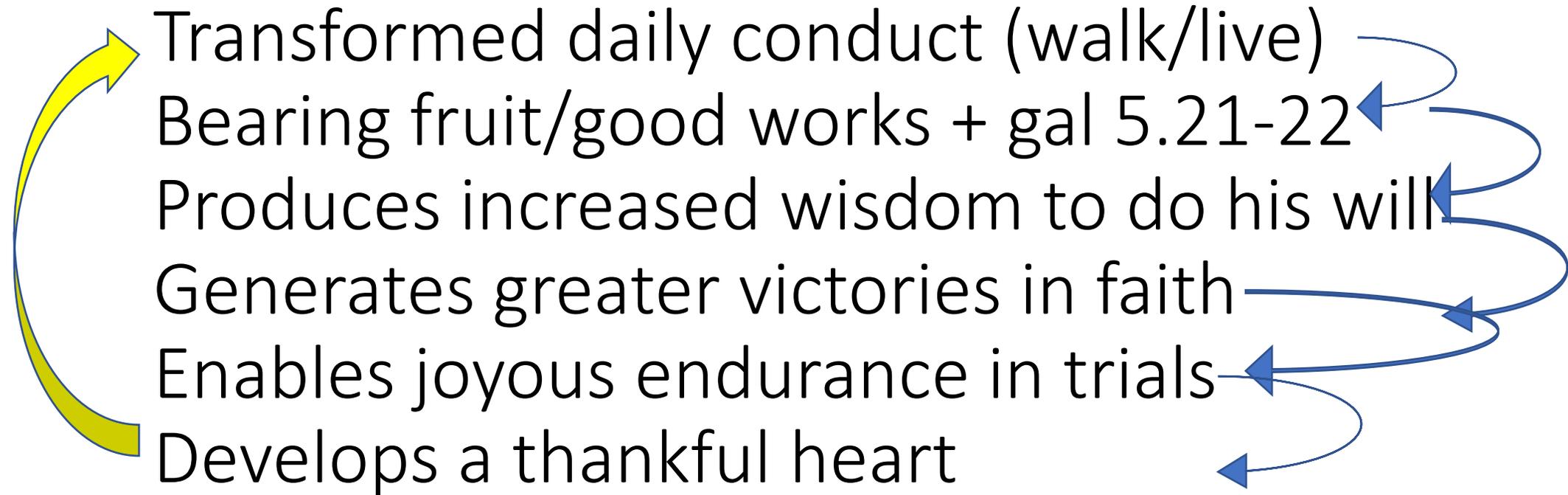
6. That we have a thankful heart.

V12 ... giving thanks to the Father

(Eph 5:20) giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

And in all things thankful ...

The results of seeking knowledge of his will.
The cycle of action -



Westminster Catechism (a summary of the principles of Christian religion) **asks the question:**

“What is the chief end of man?”

Answer: “Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.”

(1Jn 5:20) And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, **so that we may know him who is true; ...**

Paul's desire- (Php 3:10) ***that I may know him*** and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

- by steadfast communion with him

Hosea 4:6

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge...”

“Let us know; let us press on - to know the lord.

His going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the
earth.”

Hosea 6:3