

The King of Kings and Us

Part 2: Reading

Colossians 1:9-14 (ESV)

Walking in a manner worthy of the Lord, which pleases God, comes from reading and applying God's Word.

Review:

- We must steadfastly pray for ourselves and others.
- We must pray on our own.
- We must pray with others.
- We must pray biblically: for example, praying for things laid out in Colossians – *this is where Pastor Mike left off and it is a good starting point for us*

What we must pray

Paul suggests what he prays for in regards to the Colossians:

- v. 9-10: “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”

What Paul is unceasingly praying and asking and petitioning God for is that the Colossians would **walk in a manner worthy of the Lord**

What we must know

Our walk, if it is to be pleasing to God, must look a certain way. There are some distinguishing characteristics of a walk worthy of the Lord. We must know what they are so we can diagnose our own walk. Paul lists four identifying traits of a worthy walk:

1. Fruitful – v.10 “bearing fruit in every good work”
2. Increasing – v.10 “increasing in the knowledge of God”
3. Strong – v.11 “strengthened with all power”
4. Thankful – v.11-12 “joyously giving thanks”

What we must do

- a. We must steadfastly pray.
- b. We must diligently read and apply God's Word