**Colossians 1:9-12  
Learning to Pray Like Paul**

Intro

**I. INITIAL OBSERVATIONS:**

A. For whom does Paul pray?

B. How often did Paul pray for them?

C. The emphasis in the prayer.

**II. THE CONTENT OF PAUL?S PRAYER?**

**A. THE PETITION**: *Fill believers with the knowledge of His will (v. 9).*

1) To be filled with knowledge.

2) To what does "the knowledge of His will" refer?

3) Not just intellectual knowledge.

*HOW DO WE GET THIS KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM?*

**B. THE PURPOSE**: *that believers might live to please the Lord (v. 10a).*

1) A worthy walk.

2) The importance of pleasing God.

3) The extent of pleasing God.

**C. THE PRACTICAL**: *"bearing, increasing, strengthened, giving thanks"(vv.10b-14).*

1) We please the Lord by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in every good work (v. 10b).

2) We please the Lord by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the knowledge of God (v. 10c).

3) We please the Lord by being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with His power so as to demonstrate all perseverance and patience (v. 11).

4) We please the Lord when we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Father (v. 11-12).

**CONCLUSION**