

**Teach Us to Pray**  
**A Prayer for Knowing God's Will ~ Colossians 1:9 & 10**  
November 6 & 7, 2010

**We have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you.**

*Colossians chapter 1 verse 9 (902)*

- **Never stop praying.** *1 Thessalonians chapter 5 verse 17 (907)*
- **...keep on praying.** *Romans chapter 12 verse 12 (866)*
- **...be persistent in your prayers....** *Ephesians chapter 6 verse 18 (898)*
- **The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest (serious!) and disciplined in your prayers.** *1 Peter chapter 4 verse 7 (936)*
- **Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done.** *Philippians chapter 4 verse 6 (901)*

**We ask God to give you complete knowledge of His will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.** *Colossians chapter 1 verse 9 (902)*

Knowledge of His will...

- **Jesus said, "Pay attention to how you hear. To those who listen to My teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what they think they understand will be taken away from them."** *Luke chapter 8 verse 18 (789)*

Spiritual Wisdom

- Wisdom = the ability to make sensible decisions & judgments
- **God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin.**  
*1 Thessalonians chapter 4 verse 3 (906)*
- **Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.** *1 Thessalonians chapter 5 verse 18 (907)*
- **Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.** *Ephesians chapter 4 verse 29 (897)*
- Folly = thoughtlessness, recklessness, misguided undertaking
- **...Fools despise wisdom....** *Proverbs chapter 1 verse 7 (481)*

Understanding

- Understanding = the mental ability to "put things together"
- It's the ability to string together a series of sensible decisions (*wisdom*) into a life-pattern
- **Think (exercise the mind!) about what I am saying. The Lord will help you understand all these things.** *2 Timothy chapter 2 verse 7 (914)*

**Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.**

*Colossians chapter 1 verse 10 (902)*

**The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.** *Galatians chapter 5 verse 22 (893)*

Next weekend: A Prayer for Spiritual Wisdom - Ephesians 1:15-23