

With the Master and Nothing Else! — Lesson 3—Colossians 1:9-11—Paul’s Petitions for the Church at Colossae

1. (a) Read Colossians 1:9-14. What does Paul pray for the Colossian believers? (b) Do you see any significance in this prayer, especially as it relates to the heresy that had crept into the church?

2. Memorize Colossians 1:10.

3. (a) Compare and contrast Paul’s prayer for the Colossians with his prayer for the Ephesians. (See Colossians 1:9-14 and Ephesians 1:15-21.) What things do you see that are the same? (b) What things are different?

4. (a) Paul prays that the Colossian believers would be “fruitful in every good work.” What are the conditions of a fruitful life according to John 15:3, 4, and 10? (b) Is it necessary that a believer bear fruit? See Matthew 7:16-20. (c) How much fruit should we bear? See John 15:8. (d) What causes one to be unfruitful? See Matthew 13:22.

5. (a) According to the following verses, what are some types of fruit we should be producing? See Proverbs 12:14; Proverbs 31:31; Isaiah 57:19; Jeremiah 6:19; Jeremiah 17:10; Matthew 3:8; Romans 1:13; Galatians 5:22, 23 and Hebrews 13:15. (b) Are you producing these fruits?

6. (a) Paul prays that the Colossian believers “might walk worthy of the Lord.” According to the following verse, in what ways are we as believers to walk? Romans 13:13; 1 Corinthians 7:17; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Ephesians 2:10; 4:1-3, 17-32; 5:2, 8, 15 and 3 John 3-4. (b) Why are we to walk in those ways? (c) What attitudes should accompany our walk?

7. (a) How do you think we as believers are “filled with knowledge”? (b) What is our responsibility in this?

8. What are the benefits of praying Scripture for yourself and others? Spend some time this week praying Paul’s prayer for someone.

9. Choose one element of Paul’s prayer that you would like to be more evident in your own life. Write it down in the form of a prayer request.