

## PRAYING LIKE PAUL

### PLP-08 “Wisdom... Revelation...”

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**EPH 1:16-17** “I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,<sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him...”

#### THANKSGIVING AND PRAYERS

**EPH 1:16** “I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers

Paul’s knowledge of the “faith and Love” shows that the Believers are “advancing in maturity.” YET, **that very fact** becomes his inspiration...

- He does **not cease to give thanks...**
  - “Not-Cease...” – To make a conscious decision to continue...
  - Giving thanks... – “Eucharistegō” – To celebrate the “grace” that has been shown while looking forward to what will continue...
- He **sets his heart to remember** them... “Remembrance” is not simply a spontaneous thing – it is **determined and definite**...
- He prays... “Proseuchē” – To converse face to face – Paul “meets with God” to listen so that he might speak from his heart

#### SO That

Because Paul was aware of their growth in the Lord... He wanted then to have even more “understanding” of ALL they have received... so that they may be more stabilized, and more fruitful...

- **So that the GOD of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, the FATHER OF GLORY...** – Whatever Paul desired for the Believers the source was **ONLY from “the Glorious Father”** – who accomplished all Paul had revealed...
- Paul knew that this was “more” than he could teach... It would **ONLY** be received by the direct action of God upon their hearts...
- THIS would be made available by “Prayer”

#### WISDOM AND REVELATION...

**Vs 17B** “may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation...”

- **May give you...** to give freely / openly / as a gift... bringing “joy” to the Giver... This but it is given **ONLY** as desired by the recipient...

- “**Spirit**” or “**spirit**” – Sources are divided as to the proper “interpretation” of “**pneuma**” – Is this a ref to the **HOLY SPIRIT**... or to the “**essence / quality**”
- It is better considered as “**spiritual...**” (as in many translations) Both are involved...
  - The “source” of this Wisdom and Revelation IS the Holy Spirit...
  - The Wisdom and Revelation are “spiritual qualities” NOT a person
  - The Believers HAVE the Holy Spirit, as a result of the New Birth
  - Paul’s desire is that they “might” receive what follows...
- These are NOT “**natural**”, nor gained by **self-learning**, nor can they be **taught** by another
- They are “**God-given**” - **NOT the result of God dwelling in the believer...** they already have THAT – **EPH 4:24**

#### Wisdom...

- This is “**divine wisdom**” – an ability to reason and resolve issues from a standpoint of God’s Eternal purpose... NOT of the World!
- See: **1 COR 1:18 – 2:16**

#### Revelation ... - “Apokalupsis” -

- This is “**God removing the veil**” which obscures what is “**real**” while others fail to understand
- Here this “**revelation**” is further limited
  - “**in the knowledge of Him [Christ]...**” –
  - **Epignosis** – not learned but “**refined / elevated / made superior**”