

PRAYING LIKE PAUL

PLP-30 “That God May Fulfill...”

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2 THESS 1:11-12 “To this end we always pray for you, **THAT** our God may make you worthy of his calling and **may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power,** ¹² **SO THAT** the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

In these Petitions Paul expresses his desire to see Christian character developed and expressed by the Believers. God can't do this Himself... and the Believer can't do this without God's participation

THAT GOD MAY FULFILL

“and [that God] **may fulfill...**” –

The ultimate purpose of this Prayer is that “*the Name of the Lord Jesus be glorified...*” (vs12)

- “**Fulfill...**” – in context this is “*to supply / furnish / satisfy*” -
- The verb signifies a “*potential*” –
 - NOT whether **God will** or **will not...**
 - BUT whether He “**can**” based upon the Believers desire...

This “**Satisfying**” applies to both of the following subjects:

EVERY DELIGHT IN GOODNESS

“**[that God] may fulfill every resolve for good...**” -Lit: “*[your] good pleasure in goodness*”

Eudokia - more than mere desire, *it is the decision / resolve / pursuit / the will to accomplish ...*

Agathosune - *It is made from **agathos**, inherent good – this form of the word is never used for God's goodness but implies the expression of “Human goodness” - May the Thessalonians find delight in goodness...*

Paul prays that God will bring about **the goodness of will (Eudokia)** that leads to **goodness of action (Agathosune)** -

“**The desire to DO goodness...**”

EVERY WORK OF FAITH

“... **every work of faith...**” – “*ergon*” – *energy that produces / works ...*

- This is not the “faith” that is directed at receiving FROM God what is offered by His grace...
- “This is the “production as a result OF / inspired BY our faith” -

Paul has used this phrase before in applying to the Thessalonians:

1 THESS 1:3 “...remembering before our God and Father your **work of faith** and **labor of love** and **steadfastness [endurance] of hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Faith**... Produces
- **Love** ... Labors
- **Hope** ... Endures

Paul is praying that God will supply the “production of faith” that THEY express...

- God can't supply the “**production**”...
- They can't produce without **faith in God**...

BY HIS POWER

“and [that God] **[may fulfill] ... by His power ...**” –

Neither of these expressions of Christian character can be accomplished outside of God's Power...