

**PRESS ON
IN CONFIDENCE****A STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS AND COLOSSIANS****LESSON 18 COLOSSIANS 1:9-14**

1. What truth, verse, or insight from last week's study of **Colossians 1:1-8** was helpful to you?

2. Pray for wisdom and understanding from God before you read **Colossians 1:9-14**. Where does our culture go to find wisdom and understanding? When you are in need of wisdom or understanding, to what or to who do you usually turn?

3. a) What do you appreciate about how Paul prayed and what he prayed for in **V9**?

- b) What parallels do you see in how Jesus prayed (**Luke 22:41-42**) and in how He taught us to pray (**Matthew 6:9-10**)?

- c) What is the source of knowledge of His will from **V9**, and what more do you discover from **Ephesians 1:8b-9**?

4. We all long to know God's will in the big decisions as well as for day-to-day living. Meditate on **Romans 12:2**.
 - In what ways are you "conforming to the pattern of this world"?

 - List some practical things you can do to "renew your mind."

5. a) According to **V10-12**, what are the hallmarks of a “life worthy of the Lord that pleases Him”?
- Bearing
 - Growing
 - Being
 - Giving
- b) In which of these four areas do you see the greatest opportunity for growth in your own life? How might God be stretching you in that area?
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6. a) Why do you think the life of a believer is likened to a fruit bearing tree?
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- b) What is essential for bearing fruit according to:
- **Jeremiah 17:7-8**

 - **John 15:1, 4-5**
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7. For what current situation does **Galatians 5:22-23a** bring you comfort knowing this is the fruit that His Spirit is producing in you?

8. a) From **V12-13**, what has the Father done for those in the church?

b) From **V14**, in your own words, explain what the Son has accomplished.

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9. Paul spoke of sharing “in the inheritance of His holy people” (**V12**). Read these verses and observe what it means to be an heir and receive that inheritance:
- **Romans 8:17**

 - **James 2:5**

 - **1 Peter 1:3-4**
10. Note the contrast between the two kingdoms in **V12-14**, and share what that means to you personally (or for a loved one).
11. This week’s passage is Paul’s confident prayer for believers to press on. For what situation are you encouraged to press on and to “live a life worthy of the Lord”?
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1. God’s will happens no matter what, yet His will for us requires obedience to His instructions. In different areas of life, what further understanding about God’s will do you gain from:
- **Ephesians 6:5-6**

 - **1 Thessalonians 4:3-8**

 - **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

 - **1 Peter 4:19**
2. From **Psalms 143:10**, how is God’s will revealed to us?
3. a) Choose any verse from **Colossians 1:9-14** as your Suggested Memory Verse, and write it out.
- b) Pick anything from Paul’s prayer and make it your own prayer.

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PRAYER REQUEST