

A Rich Witness

Colossians 1:9-12

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“For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.” Colossians 1:9

It is your spiritual knowledge that guides what you believe about God, about yourself, about what really matters, about how the Lord wants you to live, about how you can know and follow Him

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Living as a Christian is not a casual thing; it is a decision to be led by the Lord and His Word

*“Resolved, never to do anything,
which I should be afraid to do,
if it were the last hour of my life”*

Jonathan Edwards

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*“That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully
pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and
increasing in the knowledge of God.”* Colossians 1:10

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Four requirements for living out your faith

A worthy walk – living in a manner that brings glory to God

Fully pleasing Him – the great question of your life becomes
“What does Jesus think?”

Being fruitful – there is no evidence in the Bible for living a
solitary spiritual life

Growing in Christ – Paul uses the term *“epignosis”* which
means full and complete knowledge

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To live what you believe means that the last day of your earthly walk with Christ should be the most personal and obedient day of your life

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER IS TRANSPARENT FOR ALL TO SEE

The Father has –

“qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light” Colossians 1:12

People respond to that which is real in you

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Colossians describes qualities that reveal transparency

You genuinely depend upon the Lord –

“strengthened with all might” Colossians 1:11

You live with a grateful heart –

“giving thanks to the Father” Colossians 1:12

You reveal a caring spirit –

with *“patience and longsuffering with joy”* Colossians 1:11

You display a track record of faith –

“walks worthy of the Lord” Colossians 1:10