



Compass Non-Negotiables

Prayerfully-Reliant & Highly Committed Participants

Colossians 1:9-10

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1. Let _____ (v.9)

9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.
(ESV)

2. Expect _____ (v.10)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Colossians 4:2**. How is your prayer life? What are some of the things that hinder, impede, or detract from your participation in steadfast and watchful prayer?
2. Read **Mark 1:35** and **Daniel 6:10**. What do you observe in these two passages that might help you be more focused and consistent in prayer each day?
3. Read **2 Corinthians 3:7-12; 4:1, 5, 7-12, 16-18**. How does prayer help to shift your confidence from yourself to God so that you can begin to expect and attempt greater things for God, the gospel and Christ's kingdom?
4. Read **Matthew 16:13-18**. How does this statement regarding the church help you to think more ambitiously about what we can accomplish in advancing the cause of Christ in this world?
5. Read **Ephesians 4:15-16** and **Matthew 25:14-30**. Knowing that God expects each person to fulfill his or her specific role in the body of Christ, how does Christ's parable about stewardship motivate you?

For sermons on MP3 go to FPR.info. The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.

CD # 1116 – **How to Pray and Making Sure We Do**
CD # 0808 – **Fortifying the Church to Make a Difference**
CD # 0654 – **Connecting with the Author of Scripture**
CD # 0558 – **Three Poignant Questions About Your Prayer Life**
CD # 0205 - 0208 – **People Tools** (a four-part series on Colossians 4:7-18)

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (*Reading Plans: Through the Bible*) for schedule prompts.

October 2nd
Is.24-26 & Eph.4
October 3rd
Is.27-28 & Eph.5
October 4th
Is.29-30 & Eph.6
October 5th
Is.31-33 & Phil.1
October 6th
Is.34-36 & Phil.2
October 7th
Is.37-38 & Phil.3
October 8th
Is.39-40 & Phil.4
October 9th
Is.41-42 & Col.1

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Berding, Kenneth. **What are Spiritual Gifts? Rethinking the Conventional View**. Kregel, 2006.
Bounds, E. M. **The Complete Works of E. M. Bounds on Prayer**. Baker Books, 1990.
Buford, Bob. **Halftime: Changing Your Game Plan from Success to Significance**. Zondervan, 1994.
Carson, D. A. **A Call to Spiritual Reformation: Priorities from Paul and His Prayers**. Baker Books, 1992.
Getz, Gene. **Biblical Theology of Material Possessions**. Moody Press, 1991.
Guinness, Os. **The Call: Finding and Fulfilling The Central Purpose of Your Life**. Word Publishing, 1998.
Hiebert, Edmond. **Working with God Through Intercessory Prayer**. BJU Press, 1991.
Ryle, J. C. **A Call to Prayer**. Audubon Press, 2002.
Sanders, Oswald. **Spiritual Leadership**. Moody Press, 1980.
Schaeffer, Francis. **The Church at the End of the Twentieth Century**. Crossway Books, 1994.
Strauss, Lehman. **Sense and Nonsense About Prayer**. Moody Press, 1974.
Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.
Thrasher, Bill. **A Journey to Victorious Praying: Finding Your Discipline & Delight in Your Prayer Life**. Moody, 2003.
Torrey, R. A., Charles Spurgeon, et al. **A Closer Walk with God: Prayer as a Way of Life**. Emerald House, 1997.