

## The Essence of Intercession

*“For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 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, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might.”* Ephesians 1:15-19 (ESV)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God on behalf of others \_\_\_\_\_ with  
a \_\_\_\_\_ heart (*Verses 15-16*)

- **Paul resisted the temptation to be \_\_\_\_\_ in his prayers**
  - **He was constantly interceding for the Ephesians years after he had last seen them**
  - **The Parable of the Persistent Widow (Luke 18:1-8)**
- **Paul let thankfulness set the \_\_\_\_\_ of his prayer**
  - **Because God had entrusted him with sharing of the gospel to the Gentiles (Ephesians 3:2-13)**
  - **Because of their faith in Jesus and love for each other**
  - **Because of the spiritual benefits available to them as a result of their faith**

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**Please feel free to come down to the front for prayer after service.**

**“...pray for one another...” James 5:16**

2. \_\_\_\_\_ your prayer on a person's \_\_\_\_\_ with God (Verse 17)

• Paul wanted the Ephesians to \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit who is the definition of wisdom and revelation

- Wisdom:
- Revelation:

• The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit includes:

- Revealing the meaning of all truth, historical and prophetic (John 14:26;16:12-15)
- Revealing even "the deep things of God" (I Corinthians 2:10)

• The \_\_\_\_\_ of embracing the Holy Spirit involves a deeper \_\_\_\_\_ of God

• Epignosis (Greek word) means:

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3. \_\_\_\_\_ God to help others \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ work in their lives (Verses 18-23)

• Paul uses the word "heart" to signify the place of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, as well as of \_\_\_\_\_ (spiritual life)

• Paul prays for the Ephesians' \_\_\_\_\_ of three \_\_\_\_\_ truths

• "The hope to which He has called you"

• "The riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints"

• "The immeasurable greatness of His power toward us"

Concluding Questions:

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