

Col. 1:9-14 "A Life Changing Prayer"

vs 9 1. **Direction for your Life** - "... that we you may know the will of God". God wants us to know His will and gives us opportunity daily to discover His will. James says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all men generously and without reproach". (James 1:5) God wants you to know how to know His will. Eph 1:9; Col 1:26-27

vs 10 2. **Quality of your Life** - A life that is filled with the Holy Spirit, lives and demonstrates the fruits of the Spirit. (Gal. 5:22-25 and Phil.1:6;4:8) We have the power and strength through Jesus Christ to live the quality of life that is filled to overflowing with peace and calmness and the love of God. Eph 4:1-3

vs 10 3. **Investment of your Life** - God commands us to be productive. We are to bear fruit and bring others to Christ. (Gal. 6:7-10) We are to share our lives with those around us and encourage them to follow Christ. We are to be witnesses for God and His Gospel.

vs 10 4. **Goal or Purpose of your Life** - God created us to love Him and to obey Him. Our goal and purpose in life is to learn how to love Him and strengthen other Christians. (Prov. 8:32-35) Let us be wise and listen to God and He will show us the meaning of life.

vs 11 5. **Power and Energy for your Life** - God promises us the power to resist the devil and the temptations he may bring our way. (James 4:7-8) Resist the devil and he will flee from you. But you must then draw near to God or the devil will be right back at you. You must run to God and He will protect you. David wrote in Psalms 27:5, "God will hide and protect you".

vs 11 6. **Motivation for your Life** - We are to live our lives joyously and with thanksgiving. God can and will make our lives full to overflowing and full of joy. "... let the peace of God rule your heart and do all things in the name of the Lord." (Col. 3:15-17) What better motivation to be a Christian than to be assured the peace of God.

vs 12 7. **Reward of your Life** - The promise of Inheritance, which is the Sonship of God and the assurance of eternal life with God the Father, is the reward of the Christian. It is the end that keeps us going during the hard times and the means by which we never give up. It is the gift from God that is the result of His Son's death on the cross.

Therefore, we must draw on all the wisdom and understanding the Holy Spirit promises us to live a life pleasing to God. This prayer will change your life. It will ensure you will know where you are going, how you are going, what you are like getting there, what is there when you get there, and the power to do it.